

## Hattersley accused of 'lying through his teeth'

## Lawson taunts Labour over tax package

By Robin Oakley, Nicholas Wood and Richard Evans

Furious wrangles over Labour's plans for tax and benefit changes dominated the election scene yesterday, with the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, accusing Mr Roy Hattersley, his Labour counterpart, of "lying through his teeth".

Mr Hattersley maintained that no-one earning less than £500 a week would pay additional tax to finance Labour's anti-poverty package of pensions and benefits, despite the admission earlier by Mr Neil Kinnock that those earning £15,000 a year would suffer a loss of income with increased National Insurance contributions under a Labour government.

But Labour spokesmen refused to give details of the tax bands and allowances which they would introduce to make their sums add up.

Mr Lawson and other Tory spokesmen insist that taxpayers would start to suffer from Labour's plans at around £240 per week.

Labour denied the suspicions of Tory campaigners that it can only be done by taxing child benefit, a strategy hinted at in a Labour policy document at the time of last year's Labour Party conference.

Mr Kinnock, in Birmingham, and Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign co-

**ELECTION 87 X**

A Marplan poll in *The Guardian* today shows the Conservatives with a 13 point lead over Labour.

The figures are: Conservatives 45 per cent, Labour 32 per cent, Alliance 21 per cent, Others 2 per cent. Such a result on Thursday would give the Conservatives an overall Commons majority of 132. Marplan interviewed 1,575 people yesterday.

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ordinator, in London, refused to give details of Labour's plans to raise taxes on individuals earning more than £26,000 a year, saying that it would trigger off a bout of tax evasion.

Labour's previously self-confident election campaign did however begin to wilt somewhat yesterday under severe Tory pressure on the tax front.

Labour's spokesmen could offer no detailed explanation of how the 12 million people

in three of the last five general elections the opinion polls have been confounded by last-minute swings, says Dr David Butler in his introduction to the full list of candidates published in *The Times* today.

**Election candidates**

Since 1945 there have always been fewer than 100 seats changing hands but now that there are three main contending parties, the calculations as to the outcome are more complex. Pages 13-16

**Defence chiefs pledge silence**

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

The Chiefs of Staff at the Ministry of Defence have assured the Government that they will not become involved in any way in the election debate over Labour's unilateralist defence policy.

Yesterday it emerged that Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence, had asked for and received pledges from the present Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, and the heads of the three armed forces that they would not make their views known about the implications of Labour's policy.

However, it is understood that the military advice they would give to an incoming Labour government.

Senior Whitehall sources said that they would exercise their right to see Mr Neil Kinnock, if he was Prime Minister, to inform him of their reservations about the adoption of a non-nuclear defence strategy.

Some former Chiefs of the Defence Staff have indicated

their opposition to Labour's non-nuclear strategy, outlined in its manifesto.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, Chief of the Defence Staff from 1979 to 1982 and principal military adviser to the Prime Minister during the Falklands conflict, has said

The cost of fuel and raw materials to manufacturing fell by 0.2 per cent in May, compared with a 0.4 per cent rise in April. The monthly fall did not prevent a steep rise in raw material costs over the 12 months to May. Page 30

that, had he been faced with a Labour government determined to withdraw Polaris from patrol, he would have resigned.

Despite Lord Lewin's comment, Field Marshal Lord Bramall, who was Chief of the Defence Staff until 1983, said: "In principle I'm against public servants com-

ing out and trying to put pressure on the electorate. I think it's up to the politicians to state their case.

"But I and my colleagues are very concerned, particularly over the need of labour services to be recalled on day one. That means there would be no time for consultation with allies and no time even to improve conventional forces. We feel this is something new."

Lord Bramall, who was Chief of the Defence Staff during the Labour Party's first adopted unilateralist defence policy, added: "There would be awful problems. The job of public servants is to advise the government of the day and all I can say is that the chiefs of staff would have to say that the immediate removal of Polaris would greatly weaken Britain's defences."

Mr Denzil Davies, Labour defence spokesman, told *The Times* yesterday: "I have no doubt at all that the military advisers would carry out the

with no dependent children would be compensated for the loss of £7.64 under Labour's plans to scrap the married man's tax allowance and use the £4.5 billion revenue to finance an increase in child benefit for the first child of £7.36.

In the face of a sustained grilling by the press over how the Opposition would finance its £3.6 billion anti-poverty programme, Mr Gould gave an unequivocal assurance that no one earning less than the "richest 5 per cent" would be worse off if Labour gained power.

This group, which alone had benefited from tax cuts under Mrs Thatcher, would pay for the planned increases in pensions and child benefits, but it would not be simply a case of returning to the big marginal tax rates of the 1970s.

"We can raise £3.6 billion from that same group of taxpayers with a range of different measures, which we are certainly not going to alert them to, given their proclivities for evasion," Mr Gould said.

He said that a combination of a lower rate of income tax, adjustments to personal allowances and alterations in the rates of National Insurance contributions could be used to protect couples without children — the group the Conservatives claim are most at risk from Labour's proposal to scrap the married man's tax allowance — to fund large increases in child benefit.

In a new disclosure, Mr Gould said that after abolishing the married man's allowance and diverting some of the proceeds into higher child benefit, there would still be a "substantial" amount of money left over for redistribution.

Mr Lawson's accusation that Mr Hattersley was "lying through his teeth" came when the two clashed on BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Mr Lawson has said that it would cost £4 billion to pro-

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Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, spelling out his economic policy in detail to a meeting of accountants in the marginal seat of Chelmsford yesterday.

## Thatcher aims for results at Venice talks to boost Tories

From Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, Venice

The Prime Minister aims to return today from the seven-nation economic summit with the electoral boost of world endorsement of her economic policies, and an agreement on measures to counter Aids, drug smuggling and terrorism.

She flew into Venice last night hoping to achieve practical results from the summit to deflect criticism that her visit is an electioneering exercise or what Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Leader, called yesterday "the most expensive photo opportunity of the general election".

Mrs Thatcher, attending her ninth summit, will today gather other world leaders gathered on the island of San Giorgio Maggiore to continue the policies of light public spending, low inflation and the promotion of enterprise, which have enabled Britain to enter its seventh year of growth.

They are unlikely to disagree. She will then be able to rejoin the election campaign this afternoon for her final

ally speech tonight, claiming that the world has again voiced confidence in her economic strategy.

In planning her 18-hour visit to the summit, however, Mrs Thatcher had to carefully balance the obvious electoral advantage of being seen in her role as the longest-serving

international statesman with the disadvantage of being out of the country at a crucial part of the campaign.

It was therefore cut to the limit, even at the risk of upsetting her hosts by disposing of diplomatic niceties.

Although British officials were denying a breach of protocol, Mrs Thatcher arrived last night after Signor Amintore Fanfani, the Italian Prime Minister, had formally welcomed the other leaders.

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## Kinnock clash over Civil Service strike

By Tim Jones

As industrial action by Civil Service unions caused widespread disruption yesterday, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, clashed with Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General, who said that to concede their claim for a 15 per cent or £20-a-week increase was "unthinkable".

But the unions, the Civil and Public Services Association and the Society of Civil and Public Servants, said their campaign to force the Government to improve on its 4.5 per cent offer would continue until they received "justice".

Mr Clarke said that to give in to the two unions would be contrary to the interests of both the economy and unemployed people looking for jobs. He said: "They must be under the impression there is a Labour government, believing they can get money paid out on the eve of an election."

Lord Young of Grassham, Secretary of State for Employment, said the Civil Servants had for the past two years received pay increases above the rate of inflation and that their strike action, which affected unemployment benefit payments, "gives a whole new definition to care".

Without saying whether Labour would increase the pay offer, Mr Kinnock, who travelled to Birmingham by train rather than aeroplane because of the action, promised a swift end to the dispute.

Saying Labour would deal with "the roots of the problem and the nature of the grievances", Mr Kinnock said: "In advance of being elected on Thursday we are not prepared to set out precise details because we want to see what the situation is after we are elected."

Civil Service unions, he said, were fed up with being treated in a contemptuous way by the Government and

Labour would change that situation.

The remarks by Lord Young and Mr Clarke brought a furious reaction from Mr John Ellis, general secretary of the CPSA, the largest union involved. He said: "The check is staggering. They have driven down the standard of living of our low-paid members progressively over the past seven years."

"This dispute is with our employer, the Government, whichever colour it may be."

And he gave a warning that his 140,000 members, who earn between £3,055 and £7,046, would continue their campaign of disruption "until justice is done for our low-paid members".

Spokesmen for both unions claimed "massive disruption" by the action, with social security and benefit offices closed, DHSS computer centres off line, and services at airports and ports being subjected to cancellations or huge delays.

At Heathrow, more than 500 flights, out of a total of 1,000, were cancelled while others were delayed. British Airways

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## Bavadra insists on seeing Queen

By Our Foreign Staff

The deposed Prime Minister of Fiji, Dr Timoci Bavadra, yesterday refused an invitation to meet the Queen's private secretary, Sir William Heseltine, and insisted that he had come to Britain to meet only the Queen.

In an interview at his West London hotel, Dr Bavadra said: "I made it very clear that I had one mission and that mission was to see the Queen, my Queen, the Queen of Fiji."

He said that he would be sending a group of advisers to meet Sir William at Buckingham Palace today.

Dr Bavadra, who was over-

thrown in a military coup last month, arrived in London on Sunday in an attempt to rally support for his democratically elected Government.

The Queen, acting on the advice of her representative on the islands, Governor-General Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, has refused to meet Dr Bavadra.

Dr Bavadra, a physician by profession, said he "naturally felt very disappointed".

He is hoping to meet the Commonwealth Secretary-General, later this week. Photograph, page 2

## Americans ease Japan sanctions

From David Smith, Venice

The world economic summit opened in Venice yesterday with steps by the United States to reduce trade sanctions on Japan, and agreement by the finance ministers of the leading countries to stabilize exchange rates around present levels.

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## Rape case sentences 'too low'

The controversy over a prosecution "right of appeal" against allegedly lenient sentences was renewed yesterday with criticisms by Lord Lane, the Lord Chief Justice, of jail terms imposed after the Ealing rape case.

The country's most senior judge described the sentences imposed on two men involved in a rape at a West London vicarage as "almost certainly too low" but said the Court of Appeal had no power to rectify this.

The men had inflicted upon the woman "appalling sexual perversions and sexual degradation as bad as one could possibly imagine," he said.

His comments will intensify pressure on Mrs Thatcher, if she is returned to power on Thursday, to include in the Criminal Justice Bill a power for the Court of Appeal to increase sentences.

Lord Lane's criticisms came as he refused an appeal against sentence by Robert Horscroft, aged 35. He was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for burglary and assault over the vicarage attack. He did not take part in the rape.

Horscroft claimed that his sentence was too high when compared with the totals of 10 years and eight years imposed on the other men.

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**Testing time**

Wales, 16-3 victors over England in Brisbane, are certain to face a stiffer test against New Zealand in Sunday's semi-final of the inaugural Rugby World Cup

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**Portfolio Gold**

● The £12,000 prize in yesterday's Times Portfolio Gold competition, three times the usual amount as there was no winner for the previous two days, was shared by two readers. Details, page 3.

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## NEWS SUMMARY

## Suicide verdict on hanged soldier

An inquest jury yesterday returned a verdict of suicide on a young soldier who was found hanging in an Army barracks.

Private Jeffrey Singh, aged 17, who was training with the Junior Infantry Battalion, was discovered hanging by a sheet from a heating pipe at the Sir John Moore Barracks, Shorncliffe, Kent, on January 29.

His father, Mr Bir Singh, had claimed during the hearing at Hythe in Kent that his son had been knocked unconscious then hanged by other people.

Mr Brian Smith, the coroner, told the jury before it retired that there was not enough evidence to justify a verdict of unlawful killing.

The inquest was told that on the day of his death Private Singh had been interviewed by senior officers and had made allegations that an NCO had punched him.

## Ruling on Aids

Doctors must not discuss the cases of patients found to be at risk of Aids infection without their consent, members of the British Medical Association decided yesterday.

A conference of medical academics decided that where tests showed a patient to be at risk, their GP and other practitioners providing clinical care should be informed, but only if the patient agreed.

The decision will become BMA policy if agreed at the annual representatives' meeting later this month.

## Sellafield pipeline

British Nuclear Fuels has begun work on a third pipeline to discharge radioactive waste from Sellafield, Cumbria, into the Irish Sea.

It is expected to be completed next week and will undergo extensive tests before being used to discharge low-level radioactive effluent.

The company took delivery of materials for the pipeline as a contingency measure against action by Greenpeace, the environmental group, but have now decided to go ahead with construction.

## Ulster shooting

A Roman Catholic lorry driver was shot and wounded by two gunmen in West Belfast yesterday.

Eamon Burns, who is in his thirties, was reversing a lorry into a bottling plant when two men opened fire with shotguns.

He was hit in the head and chest and taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital in the city where his condition was described as "ill but comfortable".

After the attack the gunmen fled towards the city centre.

## Harty's new slot

Russell Harty (right) is to be the new presenter of BBC Radio 4's *Start The Week*.

He takes over on September 21, when the programme returns from its summer break, and replaces Richard Baker.

Mr Harty has been an occasional guest presenter of *Start The Week* since the programme was created in 1970. The programme will continue to be broadcast live on Mondays at 9.05am.



## Iron Age tor for sale

Brent Tor, an Iron Age earthwork 1,330 feet up on the western fringes of Dartmoor, Devon, is for sale. The tor, a listed monument, has a tiny 850-year-old church on its summit which is still in use but not part of the sale.

## Ferry inquiry told of 13-year delay on rules

## Ministry criticized over safety

By Rodney Cowton  
Transport Correspondent

The judge conducting the inquiry into the Zeebrugge disaster yesterday criticized the Department of Transport for failing to take the lead over ferry safety standards, and for preferring to work through international agreements rather than take unilateral action.

Mr Justice Sheen had been told that it had taken 10 years to reach international agreement on lifeboats and other life-saving equipment, and a further three years before the regulations came into force.

He was also told that a report in 1984 into an earlier ferry accident had recommended that portable VHF radios should be provided on board. Most ships already had

Sealink Ferries is to start freight crossings from Dover to Zeebrugge for the first time on June 18.

A new linkspan is being

built at Dover's Western Docks to accommodate the Seafreight Highway and the Seafreight Freeway, which will make round trips to

them, he was told, but a mandatory requirement would not take effect until 1991.

The judge said: "I cannot understand the reluctance to take the lead in the field of safety."

Later he asked Captain Archibald Munro, a principal ship surveyor with the Department of Transport: "Does that mean you do nothing until it is agreed internationally?" Captain Munro replied: "To a certain extent, it depends on the circumstances."

However, it became clear

that the department is to press for design changes to improve the stability of ferries and avoid another capsizing like that of the Herald of Free Enterprise.

In the aftermath of the disaster the industry had hoped it would be possible to avoid design changes, such as the installation of bulkheads on the main vehicle deck, which could have a serious effect on the economics of ferry operations.

Yesterday the department's representatives emphasized that design changes to im-

prove stability were necessary, and more important than improvements in life-saving equipment.

Captain Munro was asked by Mr Richard Stone, QC, on behalf of the department: "From this casualty, if one is considering the saving of life, do you think there is more importance in considering changes in the construction stability or in methods of life-saving?" He replied: "I think the former."

He acknowledged that the assumptions on which life-saving appliances were provided, including that there

would be about 30 minutes in which to carry out an evacuation, were not valid in the case of roll-on roll-off ferries.

Asked by Mr David Steel, QC, for the Secretary of State for Transport, if he thought it would be possible to get 1,300 passengers off a ferry like the Herald in a force seven wind in 30 minutes, Captain Munro said he thought there would be problems.

"The emphasis should be more of making sure that the situation does not arise rather than coping with it when it does," asked Mr Steel. "I do not," Captain Munro replied.

The inquiry decided not to take further evidence from Captain David Lewry, master of the Herald, or Mr Paul Morier, the second officer. The inquiry continues.

## Police guard for Smithfield meat shipment

By David Sapsted

Police mounted guard over a £30,000 consignment of beef unloaded by non-union staff at London's Smithfield market yesterday in a direct challenge to the Transport and General Workers' Union's (T&GWU) monopoly over the appointment of porters.

It was the first time in more than fifty years that the union's power to dictate to meat wholesalers at Smithfield, the country's largest meat market, had been openly challenged, and in spite of the efforts of Mr Ron Todd, the union's general secretary, the action looks certain to lead to a confrontation between employers and porters.

Ten pellets of chilled beef were unloaded by AMI staff headed by the firm's general manager at Smithfield, Mr Peter Martinielli, who said the meat would go on sale today in spite of the inevitability of a union picket.

"Getting the meat into the market is one thing. Getting it out could be something else. I intend to keep bringing in meat until we are full. Then, if

we still cannot move it, the Tenants' Association (which represents the 62 wholesalers at the market) will be forced to act", he said.

Yesterday, a meeting of the Tenants' Association overwhelmingly backed AMI's right to unload its meat without union porters, in a reiteration of last week's resolution of the association's freedom of choice and solidarity against industrial action.

Talks between Mr Todd and AMI ended in deadlock last Friday and, yesterday morning, the union's general secretary told a mass meeting to work normally while talks continued.

No further discussions between the two sides are planned but Mr Todd was presumed to be referring to talks between the union and the wholesalers over an end to restrictive practices at the market. The City of London Corporation is demanding an end to such practices before it embarks on a multimillion pound refurbishment of Smithfield.

Although the union is not prepared to accede to AMI's demands, Mr Todd is believed to be anxious to avoid a shutdown at the market immediately before the election, especially as the end result could be a considerable rise in meat prices in the shops.



An unhappy moment yesterday for Dr Timoci Bavara, Fiji's deposed Prime Minister, who has been refused a meeting in London with The Queen. Dr Bavara yesterday declined to meet Sir William Heseltine, The Queen's private secretary (Photograph: Alan Weller).

## Policing Britain: 2

## Strong support for watchdog scheme

By Peter Evans  
Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr David Graham, Chief Constable of Cheshire, has good reason to be pleased with the county's house burglary figures. He reported that the upward trend was halted in 1986 and, for the first time in many years, there was a reduction, modest though it might be, of some 49 reports of crime, or 0.8 per cent less than 1985.

He said: "Clearly, in my view, the impact of some watch schemes and police and public co-operation has been a major contributory factor in this, which is believed to be against the national trend for this particular category of crime."

Homewatch, the term used by Cheshire, a pioneer in the field, is the same as Neighbourhood Watch elsewhere.

Chief constables, judging by their annual reports, have little doubt that Neighbourhood Watch has a key role in crime prevention. It encourages the public to take an interest in self-policing, a practice that goes back to Saxon times, and it stimulates relations between police and the community.

The question raised by academic research is whether neighbourhood watch can reduce crime. Mr Colin Sampson, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, had no doubt. "The first neighbourhood watch scheme was operated on a pilot basis in the Wyke district of Bradford and resulted in a 75 per cent decrease in house burglaries", he reported.

More schemes are being set up. There were 164 at the end of last year, and although the number of house burglaries rose from 25,764 in 1985 to 26,884 in 1986, "many local

efforts were extremely successful".

Mr Frank Jordan, Chief Constable of Kent, attributes some of the reduction in burglaries in his area to neighbourhood watch.

Mr Anthony Mullett, Chief Constable of West Mercia, said: "There is clear evidence that in the areas where the schemes have been established the number of burglaries shows a marked reduction."

The public is also enthusiastic. Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable of Warwickshire, says the response has been "staggering". At the beginning of 1986 there were 46 schemes in the county. During the year the figure increased to 300, covering 21,000 households. Questionnaires to measure

their success "suggest they are attaining their principal objectives".

Neighbourhood watch is cost-effective if it succeeds in crime prevention. But the concept of cost-effectiveness is causing concern.

Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex, writes: "The pressures have been remorselessly applied in the interests of the national and local purse for police forces to become more effective and efficient."

Efforts were being made to put a value on various aspects of police work, he said. "There is then a temptation to concentrate on those matters which score the highest points in terms of cost benefit, to the exclusion of those things at the bottom of the scale."

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday that figures for April 30 showed police manpower to be at an all-time high, with 122,897 officers.

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## 'Threat to equal pay' in NHS

By Frances Gibb  
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Hundreds of thousands of women working in the National Health Service are in danger of losing their legal rights to equal pay if a tribunal ruling is allowed to stand, the High Court was told yesterday.

A ruling last November by an industrial tribunal in London barred three speech therapists from challenging "unfair" pay levels approved by the Secretary of State for Social Services under health service pay and conditions regulations.

Opening a test appeal with widespread implications for the rights of health workers under the equal pay laws, Mr Anthony Lester, QC, told Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, and Mr Justice Taylor that the implications of the ruling were "staggering".

If it stands, it robs most of the hundreds of thousands of health service employees in England and Wales of a remedy under equal pay laws and the EEC equal pay directive, he said.

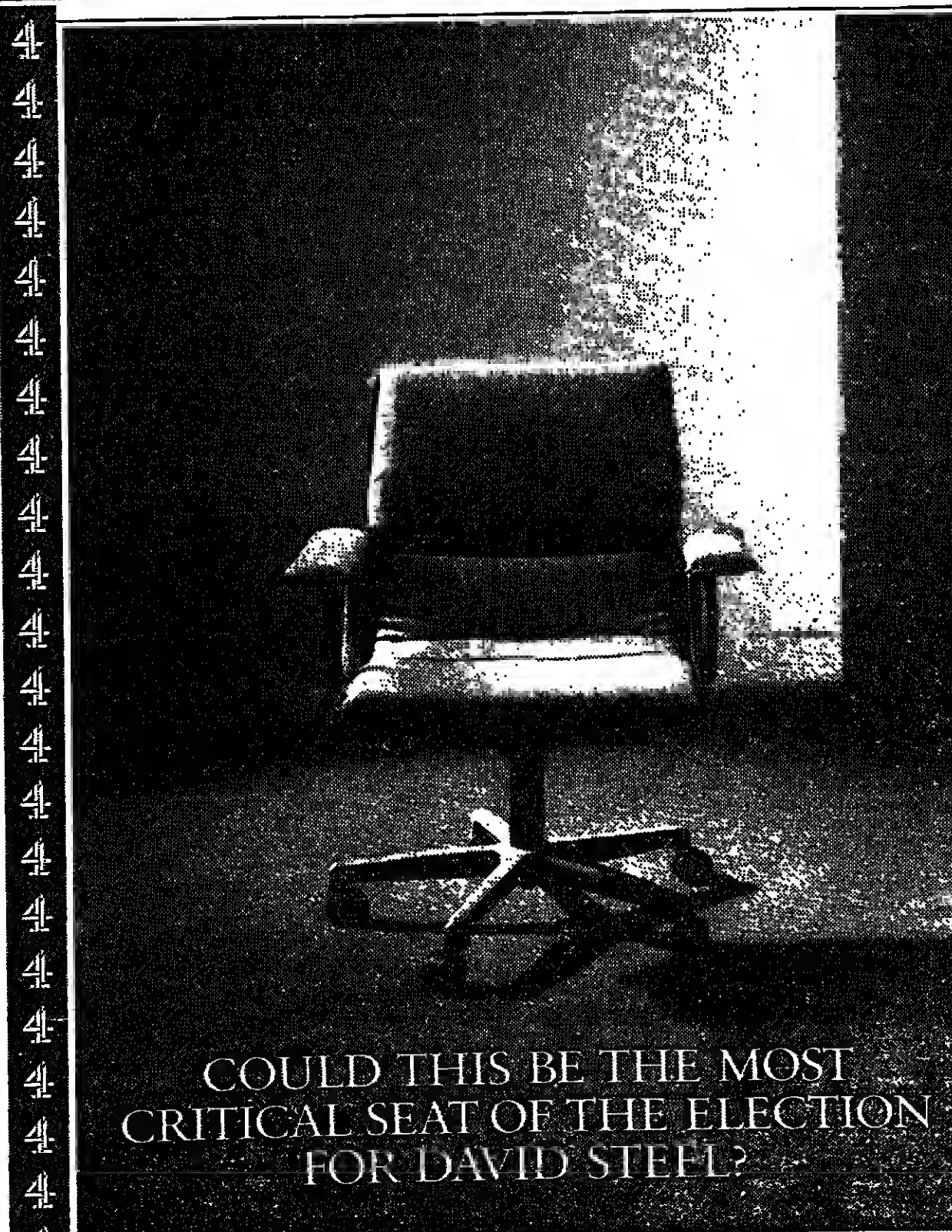
The tribunal held that the three could not take their employers, two English and one Welsh regional health authority, to court under the equal pay and sex discrimination laws.

The variation in pay was genuinely due to a "material factor" - the minister exercising his powers under the 1974 regulations - and not the sex difference, the tribunal held.

Mr Lester said that speech therapists were overwhelmingly women and doing work of equal value to that of male clinical psychologists and pharmacists - the professions chosen in the test case.

The women challenging the ruling are Mrs Elizabeth Clark, employed by Bexley Health Authority; Mrs Pamela Endersby, employed by the Bristol-based Frenchay Health Authority; and Mrs Lorraine Kelly-Atherton, employed by South Glamorgan Health Authority.

The hearing continues



COULD THIS BE THE MOST CRITICAL SEAT OF THE ELECTION FOR DAVID STEEL?

Tonight 45 ordinary voters from 3 marginal constituencies question David Steel. 7.00 pm on Channel 4 News.



## New Reader's Digest editor

## Twisk moves from The Listener

By Philip Howard

Mr Russell Twisk, editor of *The Listener* - the thinking man's *Reader's Digest* - has been appointed editor of the *British Reader's Digest*, and will take over next March.

He succeeds Mr Michael Randolph, the doyen of British editors, who has edited the *Reader's Digest* for the past 30 years.

Under Mr Randolph's editorship the British edition has become a distinct publication with its own character instead of a virtual reproduction of the US parent. Its circulation has risen to 1.58 million and its readership is estimated at 6.8 million, making it one of the most widely read British publications.

Under the six-year editorship of Mr Twisk circulation of *The Listener* has risen from 26,000 to 36,000 a week.

Before becoming editor Mr Twisk, aged 45, was development manager at BBC publications and deputy editor of *Radio Times*.

On his switch from the high-brow to the middle-brow mass market, Mr Twisk said yesterday: "Editing *The Listener* is the acutest job at the BBC, but it is time for someone else to have a go. There are similarities: the *Reader's Digest* is also a Rolls Royce operation, publishing well-written, meticulously

checked articles for a huge readership."

His predecessor, Mr Randolph, yesterday explained the extraordinary attraction of the *Reader's Digest*: "The magazine specializes in talking about an awful lot of things that an awful lot of people are interested in. It leaves out the boring bits that other publications insist on throwing at them. It highlights the interesting and entertaining bits. We do a very great deal of editing and a very great deal of selection. We also supply a great deal of information. Most people are intensely curious, and the *Reader's Digest* satisfies this unspoken hunger for interesting information."

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# Vicarage rape case sentences were too low, says law chief

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The three and five-year jail terms imposed on two men involved in a rape during an attack on a vicarage in Ealing, west London, this year were criticized as "almost certainly too low" by Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, yesterday. The men had inflicted upon the woman "appalling sexual perversions and sexual degradation as bad as one could possibly imagine", he added.

Lord Lane, the country's most senior judge, said however that even if the sentences were too low, his court had no power to rectify the mistake and increase them.

The sentences were widely criticized as too low by Conservative and Labour MPs when imposed in February by Mr Justice Leonard. Lord Lane's comments on them will renew pressure on the Government to include in the Criminal Justice Bill a power for the Court of Appeal to increase sentences if Mrs Thatcher is returned to power on Thursday.

The Prime Minister and Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, have indicated that the Government will look again at its sentencing proposals, which met opposition in the House of Lords for not including a power to increase sentences.

Prebendary Michael Seward, the vicar of Ealing, is

in Majorca on holiday and could not be contacted yesterday, but last night Mr John Place, the administrator of Mr Seward's church, said: "I am sure the vicar would be pleased by Lord Lane's comments."

Lord Lane was speaking during an appeal against sentence by Robert Horscroft, aged 35, who was involved in the attack on the vicarage. He was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment for burglary and assault, although he did not take part in the rape.

Horscroft said that his sentence was too high when compared with the totals of 10 years and eight years on the other two men who took part in the attack: Martin McCall, aged 22, who raped the woman at knifepoint, and Christopher Byrne, aged 22, who aided and abetted the rape.

But Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice McCowan, refused to reduce Horscroft's sentence. He said he did not agree that Horscroft had been "hard done by".

"We think the error was in making the sentence on co-defendant Christopher Byrne - sentenced to eight years - far too lenient, rather than too severe on Horscroft."

He said that if the judges allowed the appeal against sentence, they should be

"making a second mistake, and that we do not propose to do. His sentence was by no means too long."

Lord Lane said there was no doubt Horscroft was not involved in the rape and had shown some consideration to the woman, telling the others to stop what they were doing.

He was a professional burglar to whom "sexual distractions were likely to be unwelcome", the judge added. His attack on Mr Seward, the vicar, had been minor compared with Byrne's attack on another man.

The judge also agreed that there was a disparity between Byrne's assault sentence being made concurrent to his sentence for burglary, and Horscroft's being made consecutive. However, it would be a mistake to reduce the sentence below the level to which it should rightly be, he added.

He said that a person might think they had been too heavily sentenced compared with another, but it was just as important from the point of view of the public that sentences should not be too lenient.

Lord Lane has been in the forefront of the call for the courts to have powers to increase sentences that are considered too lenient.

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## Severed arm hero's cash claim

The farmworker who carried his severed arm - ripped off by a baling machine - a quarter of a mile across fields before surgeons sewed it back on, claimed damages in the High Court yesterday.

Surgeons at Stoke Mandeville using micro surgery saved Mr Roy Tapping's left arm, which had been torn off a few inches below the shoulder.

His courage after the accident in June 1983 was dubbed by Mr Justice Tucker by his counsel, Mr Graeme Williams, QC.

Mr Tapping, aged 37, was baling hay on Home Farm, Kenton, near Chinnor, Oxfordshire, when his arm was caught in the machinery. He was thrown from one side to the other and almost all his clothing "was torn from his body", Mr Williams said.

He was knocked unconscious, suffered four broken ribs and serious chest injuries. When he came to be picked up the severed arm in his right hand and walked to a farm near by, where an ambulance took him to hospital.

"Because of his own extraordinary presence of mind and fortitude and the amazing skill of the surgeons the arm was saved", Mr Williams said.

But Mr Tapping, of Chinnor Road, Bledlow, Buckinghamshire, had been left severely disabled, with a shortened arm and a hand that does not function properly. His work and leisure had been affected.

He claims damages for negligence from the farmer, Mr Frank Markham, for allowing him to work with an unguarded machine. But liability is denied.

The judge is first being asked to decide who was at fault. Damages, if any, will be decided later.

The hearing continues today.

## Safety rules failed to save boy boxer

By Ian Smith

A young boxer died of a brain haemorrhage four days after being knocked out in a bout lasting 63 seconds. Manchester coroners' court was told yesterday.

The jury recorded a verdict of manslaughter on Joseph Stickland, aged 15, after watching a video recording of the fight.

They saw the novice boxer being given a standing count of eight before the fight was stopped. He was taken to North Manchester General Hospital where he died.

Mr Bryan North, the coroner, said in his summing up that boxing was not on trial. Although opposingly described as "the noble art" and "a barbarous and brutal contest", the rules of the Amateur Boxing Association had been rigorously followed.

Before being allowed into a ring every boxer was given a thorough medical examination.

Under ABA rules, only contestants whose weight differed by no more than five pounds and age by no more

than 12 months were allowed to compete against each other.

Even when the ABA divisional committee had arranged suitable contests, the official in charge on the night could still cancel the fight if he thought the boys unevenly matched.

Dr Geoffrey Garrett, a Home Office pathologist, said that the boy, of St Joseph's Avenue, Newsome, West Yorkshire, was fit and healthy when he stepped into the ring at the civic hall in Upper Mill, Greater Manchester.

His injuries had not been caused by an unduly heavy blow but resulted from a vigorous impact similar to that which might be suffered by any sportsman on the football or rugby field.

His contestant, although in the court's precincts, was not called to give evidence. The coroner said the youngster, also aged 15, had suffered great emotional stress and, acting under the Children and Young Persons Act, he directed he should not be identified.

## Pathologist cleared of broken neck cover-up

A senior pathologist accused of trying to persuade a mortuary technician to break a corpse's neck was yesterday cleared at the Central Criminal Court.

The jury took half an hour to decide that Dr Yudugama Goonetilleke, aged 52, of Ascot Avenue, Ealing, west London, was not guilty of incitement to obstruct the North London coroner.

The jury was discharged from returning a verdict on a second charge of trying to pervert the course of justice.

The doctor, a senior lecturer in forensic medicine at the

Charing Cross Hospital medical school in London, will discuss his future with the hospital authorities. He has been suspended since his arrest last July.

Mr Graham Boal, for the prosecution, had alleged that the doctor wrongly diagnosed the cause of death of a woman aged 84 as a fractured neck and then tried to have the neck broken in the mortuary to cover up his mistake.

The prosecution alleged that the doctor was in a state of panic, fearing he would be dismissed by the coroner if his diagnosis proved wrong.

## PCs deny killing arrested man

Two policemen appeared before Cardiff Crown Court yesterday accused of killing a man they had arrested outside his home.

Constables Jackie Harris, aged 37, of Talbot Green, Mid Glamorgan, and Stephen Riddick, aged 24, of Glynfach, Rhondda, both deny the manslaughter last August of Mr Philip Howard, aged 29, an unemployed labourer.

The jury was told that Mr Howard suffered internal

bleeding after being kned in the stomach. He died in a police station five hours later, at 5am.

Police had been called to his home in Tylorstown by Mrs Megan Roberts, with whom he lived, after a disturbance involving Mr Howard and another man.

Mr John Diehl, QC, for the prosecution, said: "It's quite possible that neither of these defendants realized that Philip

Howard had been seriously injured."

Mr Howard may not have realized the seriousness of his condition because he had been drinking.

He said Mr Howard had opened the door to the policemen and punched one of them. The officers had pulled him down on to the pavement and handcuffed his arms behind his back.

The case continues.

## Screening for genetic defects

## Birth clinic fights hereditary disease

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A new purpose-built infertility clinic in west London will be the first in the world to use test-tube baby techniques to help couples avoid passing on hereditary disorders.

The clinic at Hammersmith Hospital, run by the National Health Service, plans to screen embryos produced from in vitro fertilization (IVF) for genetic defects before implanting them in wombs of patients.

Conditions such as muscular dystrophy and some chromosomal disorders can be

detected by genetic diagnosis of the embryos.

Professor Robert Winston, head of fertility studies at the hospital, said: "The potential benefits of this kind of work are huge."

Embryo screening would avoid the need for termination of pregnancies involving complex risks.

The existing infertility unit at Hammersmith treats about 350 patients a year, of whom about 15 per cent become pregnant. The new clinic is

expected to double the number receiving treatment and to provide more comfortable conditions for patients.

"It will cut substantially waiting lists and help to provide a more efficient service", Professor Winston said. "We believe we have the most successful IVF unit in the country but our present accommodation is appalling."

Patients have set up a support group which hopes to raise about £200,000 towards the cost of the clinic.

The use of ovary trans-



A final polish to the radiator of this 1930 Rolls Royce Phantom II by Mr Anthony Day, a master mechanic at the Scott-Morris vintage car restoration company, means that after nearly three years his work on the vehicle is completed. The car can now be returned to its

owner in Norwich after a refurbishment which has cost more than £50,000. The firm for which Mr Day works, in Leek, Staffordshire, operates a one-man-one-car system. This allows each of the six mechanics to work on one car until it is restored to its original condition.

Mr Day said: "I suppose I should celebrate the completion of a job like this, but I always feel a sense of loss when the time comes to hand over a car on which I have been working for so long."

(Photograph: Philip Dunn).

## Cheap Irish flights

## Virgin debut with 25-year-old plane

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Richard Branson's Virgin Atlantic Airways yesterday overcame the problems of the air traffic control strike to begin its inaugural service between Luton and Dublin with a 25-year-old turbo-prop Viscount aircraft, a full load of paying passengers and a single fare of just £25.

On board the Viscount was Mr Mike Kay, commercial director of British Air Ferries (BAF) from whom Virgin has leased the aircraft for 22 months.

BAF, who originally planned to run the service, now co-operates with Virgin to the extent that it flies and provides a crew on its own

aircraft on the route but wears Virgin uniforms.

Mr Kay admits that the level of competition on the route was too high for his company. Branson alone has the personality and style to confront the big operators on the route and two other passengers away to low cost services, he believes.

Success will have to come in the teeth of some of the fiercest competition in the air. The number of flights between Britain and Ireland shot up after the liberalization of the air space between the two countries, and there is supposedly huge over-capacity on the route.

But Mr Branson, whose two Boeing 747s are now flying the Atlantic daily with more than

80 per cent of their seats filled, is relishing the prospect of battle.

"I was suddenly struck, about 18 months ago, by how air fares between London and Dublin were a complete rip off", he said. "It was exactly the kind of challenge I like, mainly because if we could only get it, it just had to succeed."

He made what was virtually a spur of the moment pledge on an Irish television chat show to bring cut price fares to the route.

But his service has been preempted by others with similar ideas. Ryanair started the ball rolling with much reduced tickets from Luton to Dublin. In turn British Airways, Aer

Lingus and Dan Air all stepped up the number of flights, improved the services they offered and reduced their prices.

But nothing has yet compared with Virgin's £25 one-way ticket, although that will rise to £35 at the end of the month. According to Mr Branson the next cheapest unrestricted fare is Ryanair's £59 one way with Dan Air charging £72 and British Airways £76.

Mr Branson is promising further European destinations if this service proves a success.

"Things are happening in Europe now which for the first time give us a real chance to get in with some really good, low priced air travel", he said.

## Kimberley case may be secret

By Michael Horsnell

The inquiry into the death of Kimberley, the girl aged four, yesterday deferred a decision on whether to hold its sittings behind closed doors after claims that social workers may be scared away by a public hearing.

Kimberley, who died a year ago yesterday at the hands of her stepfather, was said to have been abandoned by social workers during the last two months of her life after her stepfather thwarted attempts by them to see her.

The inquiry, ordered by the borough council of Greenwich in south-east London, where Kimberley died, has no powers to compel witnesses to attend.

Calling for it to be held behind closed doors, Mr John Trotter, representing Mr Martin Manby, the council's director of social services, said: "If an inquiry takes place in public it becomes a trial, a trial by media."

Mr Roy Roebuck, representing the Daily Mail group, told Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, chairman of the inquiry, that the case had inspired enormous public concern and should not excite rumours of a cover-up by going into closed session.

He reminded the preliminary hearing that Mr Justice Steyn, the judge in the trial of Kimberley's mother and stepfather, had said when it ended that public confidence could be maintained only by a public inquiry.

Mr Blom-Cooper said he and the other two members of the commission would disclose next Monday whether they would sit in camera when the inquiry proper begins on June 29.

Kimberley's stepfather, Nigel Hall, aged 24, was sentenced to life imprisonment last month for her murder, and her mother, Pauline Carlile, aged 27, to 12 years on charges of child cruelty.

## 'Series of abortions' in incest case

Two sisters, the victims of repeated incest, had a series of abortions before they reached the age of 17, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

They were "violently chastised" if they refused to have sexual intercourse with their father during a five-year period, Mr David Calvert-Smith, for the prosecution, alleged.

The father aged 50, an electrician, denies 11 charges of incest between 1974 and 1978.

Mr Calvert-Smith said those represented "a fraction of the totality of the offences".

The elder daughter broke down in tears as she told the jury she had undergone four abortions, the first when she was 12.

Mr Calvert-Smith said:

"She became aware the same thing was continuing with her sister, who was only a year younger than she was."

"The children frequently became pregnant over the subsequent years."

The girls had four abortions each, the court was told.

The elder girl said that once when she resisted her father he threw her downstairs.

The case continues.

## Portfolio Gold Winnings will buy new car

Two readers today share £12,000 as the joint winners of the latest Portfolio Gold competition.

Mr Edward Clifton, aged 65, from Orpington, south-east London, had been planning to replace his ageing car.

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## Boy died after TV advice on safer sniffing

The death of a solicitor's son aged 14 was yesterday linked with a television programme said to have offered advice to youngsters about less dangerous methods of sniffing solvents.

An inquest was told that Simon Thomasson died two days after the programme was screened by Granada.

In it Mr Allan Parry, director of the Merseyside Drug Training Information Centre, reportedly said that if children were determined to sniff solvents he would advise them to use a small plastic bag rather than a large one over the head.

Mr Howard McCann, the coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death on the boy, of Windsor Road, Chirley, Lancashire.

He added: "Apparently advice was given on the programme telling youngsters how to use solvents safely. If that is the case then the people responsible should consider whether they encouraged youngsters to use solvents."

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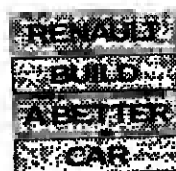
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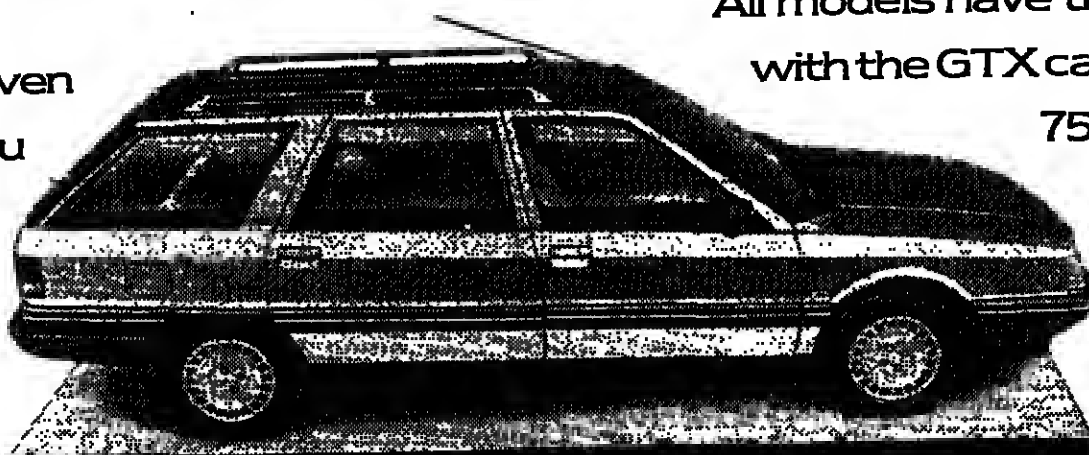
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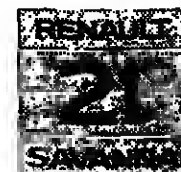
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## ELECTION 87 X

# Tangled Labour tax and benefits policy fuels doubt

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Labour Party machine yesterday hit real trouble for the first time in the election campaign. Mr Neil Kinnock, Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr Bryan Gould between them wove Labour's taxation and benefits policy into the most impenetrable tangle, while gleeful Tory spokesmen took their chance to exploit the mess.

Labour's London press conference was devoted almost entirely to efforts by Mr Gould to chart a way for journalists through Labour's apparently conflicting promises. The seething mass of reporters crowding round Mr Gould for further elucidation when the conference was over told its own story.

Labour's detailed 54-page manifesto in 1983 was described later by one of the party's top campaigners as "the longest suicide note in history". In an effort to avoid the same fate this time, Labour's campaign team had produced a slimmed down 17 pages, with much of those consisting of white space.

Mr Kinnock denied Mrs Margaret Thatcher's accusations that it was an "iceberg manifesto" by introducing it with the claim: "What you see is what you get." What was not in the manifesto was not official policy. But ever since then, the voters and the attendant press have been learning of other things which they will get.

It was not in the manifesto, but Mr Hattersley has confirmed that Labour plans to scrap the married man's tax allowance (worth £7.64 a week to most taxpayers) as part of a move towards truly independent taxation for man and wife and — which Labour did not admit — as a means of paying for its promised increase to £7.36 of child benefit for the first child.

It was not in the manifesto, but Mr Kinnock has confirmed that Labour will abolish

ish the upper limit of £15,000 a year on national insurance contributions.

It was not in the manifesto, but Mr Hattersley has confirmed that Labour now backs compulsory pre-strike ballots.

It was not in the manifesto, but Labour spokesmen have now confirmed that it is Labour's policy to provide the right to buy not only for council housing tenants but for private tenants, too.

The difficulty in assessing what is Labour's policy and what is not derives from the fact that a whole series of glossily presented supporting policy documents on particular issues was issued in the months leading up to the election. Sometimes spokesmen acknowledge these as party policy, sometimes they fall back on the answer that only what is in the manifesto actually qualifies as Labour policy.

And there are other documents to confuse. A 55-page paper entitled "Statements to Conference" was issued at last year's party conference in Blackpool as a summary of Labour's policy intentions at that point. It may not be official policy now, but party spokesmen pushed for an explanation tend to regurgitate its arguments.

Then there was the policy briefing pack issued to candidates in this year's May local elections. That announced, for example, that it was Labour's policy to switch to capital value rating of houses, instead of rating them on their notional letting value. It was a move which could lead to swingeing increases for London and South-east home owners as their councils lost rate support grant and they were called upon to make up the difference.

Questioned early in the election, Mr Gould denied vehemently that such a move was Labour's policy. When the local elections commitment was later pointed out,

Labour said that it was all being looked at by a working party which would not finish its work until the end of June. Meanwhile it was not in the manifesto and therefore it was not policy.

A commitment to give local authorities the power to decide on the "policies, priorities and methods" of the police in their area appeared in a document penned by Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow home secretary, and entitled "Protecting our People" only in April. But Tory spokesmen who raise the issue now are told that the commitment does not appear in Labour's manifesto and therefore does not count as official party policy.

It all sounds suspiciously like an attempt to have it both ways. It is party policy if it is popular and it is not if it is not.

But it is over the question of tax and benefits that the whole issue of what is Labour's policy and what is not has come to a head.

## GP asks Hattersley to end confusion

By Paul Valley

The apparent confusion among senior Labour politicians as to the implications of their proposed tax reform seems to be shared by a proportion of the electorate.

One voter, Dr Timothy O'Callaghan, a general practitioner from Eaglescliffe in Cleveland, even went so far yesterday as to express his perplexity in a telegram to the shadow Chancellor, Mr Roy Hattersley.

"If a Labour government is elected, Mr Hattersley has stated categorically that an excess levy on tax will only be given to persons who earn more than £26,000 a year net."

"In several of today's papers I note that this figure has been reduced to £14,800 a year net. I would be most grateful if this extraordinary difference could be made clear before the voters of this country go to the polls," the message said.

Part of the problem stems from the fact that several important factors are at present missing from the equation.

It is not clear, for example, what level an incoming Labour government would intend to set any reduced rate band of tax for the low-paid.

Nor is it clear how much Labour would allow for the single person's tax allowance with which it intends to replace the present married



Staff Nurse Judith Gosmore: Out of pocket

"This meant I earned less than the £500 a week Mr Hattersley kept quoting as the figure below which people would not be worse off. I have six children, so on the face of it, with the extra child benefit I was going to be about £20 a week better off. This seemed to me to be ludicrous," he said.

Calculations by a financial analyst, based on the Labour manifesto, seemed to confirm Dr O'Callaghan's judgement.

Indeed, with six children, he stands to gain an extra £1,163 a year but he could also lose £914 in increased national insurance contributions, £414 by Labour's restoration of 29p in the pound as the basic tax rate and about £397 as a result of the abolition of the married man's allowance (assuming that the single person's allowance remained unchanged). In total he would be nearly £11 a week worse off.

A health practitioner of the other end of the scale would also be out of pocket. Staff Nurse Judith Gosmore last month earned £664.27 on Queen Adelaide ward in Westminster Hospital (£6,475 a year basic plus extra for night-time and weekend work).

She paid £101.89 in tax, £49.05 in national insurance and £39.86 in superannuation, leaving her with £472.95 in take back to her rented flat in Clapham, south London.

As an unmarried woman she would be unaffected by the

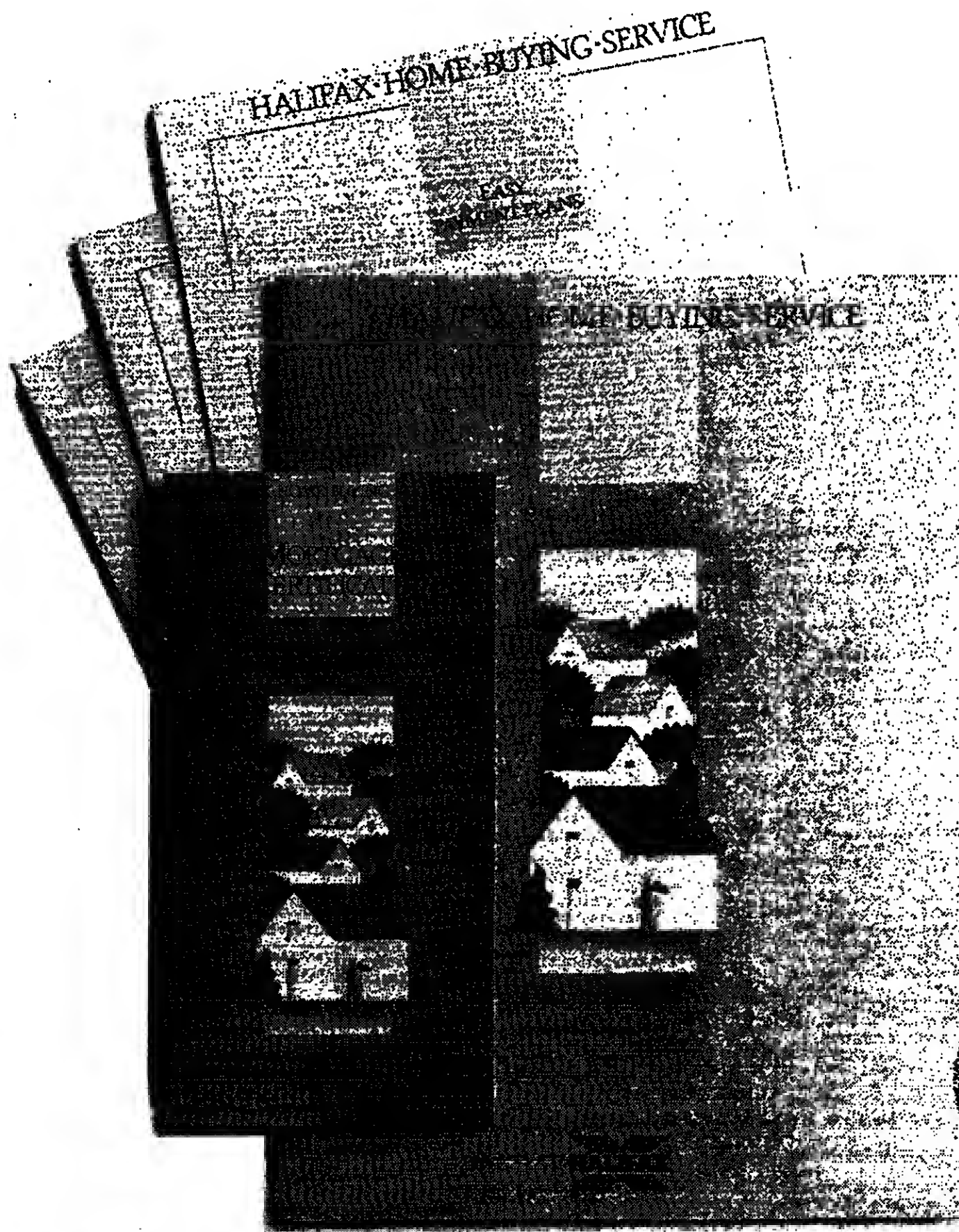
abolition of the married man's allowance and the increases in child benefit. She is below the present ceiling on national insurance contributions and would see no increase. Under a Labour government she would be about £2.15 a week worse off on a basic tax rate of 29p.

A senior administrator in the National Health Service earning, say, £18,000 would fit closer here between the doctor and nurse. If he had a non-working wife, two children and a £20,000 mortgage he would add £539 in child benefit, and deduct £239 in additional national insurance, £397 in loss of married man's allowance and £239 in extra basic tax. In total he would lose about £6.50 a week.

But reaction to all this might not be as anti-Labour as the Conservatives would have hoped. "It seems a small price to pay for a better health service. I'm so disappointed with what the Tories have done in the NHS that I would be happier paying more tax," Miss Gosmore said.

Dr O'Callaghan was more philosophical. "I like to think I wouldn't vote out of naked self-interest. I wouldn't object if a politician said he wanted to raise taxes to provide better services for the poor. But I feel it is dishonest that such a senior politician has the cheek to make categorical statements which are demonstrably untrue."

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## Two-tier proposals cause of confusion

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The confusion in Labour's proposals on taxation seems to have arisen because of their two-tier nature.

The manifesto contains a relatively simple package of benefit increases to be financed by reversing the tax cuts which the richest 5 per cent of the population have received under the Conservatives. But Labour also has plans for a series of other tax reforms which are not in the manifesto.

These include the abolition of the married man's tax allowance in favour of single allowances for each individual and the extension of national insurance contributions up the earnings scale. Partially offsetting these are an increase in the single allowance and the possible reintroduction of a reduced rate band of income tax.

Labour's claim that no one earning less than £500 a week would be worse off as a result of its tax and benefit proposals had been challenged even before the Tories turned their attention to the so-called "hidden agenda" not in the manifesto.

Labour's anti-poverty programme comprises increases in a number of benefits of which the most important are £3 a week extra on the single pension and £8 on the married pension, together with £3 on child benefit and £7.36 extra for the first child.

The total cost has deliberately been kept to £3.6 billion which is Labour's estimate of the value of the tax cuts received by the richest 5 per cent, that is those earning over about £25,000 a year. That money Labour plans to recoup roughly half from increases in capital taxation and half from higher rates of income tax. According to the Tories this would need a top rate of 70 per cent on all income above £23,000, a big difference from the present

top rate of 60 per cent on income over £41,200.

Economists disagree on how easy it really would be to recoup £3.6 billion from those earning over £25,000. Some say that the disincentive effects of higher taxation would pull down earnings and increase avoidance. But the Tories claim there is a more serious problem over the definition of the richest 5 per cent.

The richest 5 per cent comprises tax units with income over £25,000, not necessarily individuals. This means that two teachers earning £13,000 each and taxed as a married couple would count among the wealthy. If these couples are treated as individuals for tax purposes, the starting point of the richest 5 per cent has to come down.

Labour also intends to reverse the 2p cut in income tax made in the last Budget. This is one half of the financing for its separate £6 billion employment programme, the other half being a planned £3 billion increase in borrowing. The 2p increase in the basic rate would clearly affect taxpayers throughout the range. Pensioners or those with large families would benefit from Labour's benefit increases, but anyone else would be unequivocally worse off.

It was primarily the reversal of the 2p cut in income tax that led the Independent Institute for Fiscal Studies at the beginning of last week to conclude that on the totality of Labour's manifesto proposals families and pensioners would tend to be worse off on incomes above about £230 a week, or about £12,000 a year. This is a far cry from £500 a week, or £25,000 a year. Moreover for those on lower incomes "there clearly will be losses amongst childless non-pensioners", the IFS maintains.

Moreover, the Labour conference last year adopted proposals for further far-reaching tax reforms.

### EFFECT OF LABOUR'S TAX PLANS

	Doctor on £26,000	NHS admin on £18,000	Nurse on £7,000
2p tax increase	-£344	-£224	-£91
Child benefit increase	+£539	+£539	—
Married allowance abolition	-£397	-£397	—
NIC extension at present rate	-£359	-£239	—
Maximum net loss	£1,161	£321	£91

Doctor and administrator are assumed to be married with two children. The doctor has £3,000 of mortgage interest (administrator £2,000) and £2,000 (£1,000) of pension relief. No allowance is made for a possible increase in the single allowance. Introduction of a reduced rate band or graduation of National Income Contributions above the upper earnings limit.



representation. In addition, Britain has older, stronger and better known campaigns through which many sharing Green ideals prefer to work.



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**Spending on the National Health Service up from £8 billion to £21 billion — 31% more than inflation.**

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# 'Part of the age I have to serve'

Replaying to the suggestion that his party has made him the subject of a presidential-style campaign, Neil Kinnock tells Robin Oakley that the style has been no more than a vehicle for the message

For what reason above all do you want to walk into No 10 on June 12?

To get on with the job of healing unemployment, modernising the health service and seeing the pensioners get a square deal and we don't have to depend on fund-raising for a proper supply of books in schools. It's as straightforward as that.

You've never been so much as parliamentary secretary at the DHSS. People say you lack experience. What makes you qualified to run the country?

Determination. Toughness. Being in touch. And I think, being in every way part of the age that I have to serve.

Why has Labour's campaign been so presidential, with your key television broadcast — shown twice — effectively saying "Vote Kinnock" rather than "Vote Labour"?

It didn't say "Vote Kinnock". It was the means we chose. We wanted to start off the campaign with an expression of what we believed in and why in practical terms we believe in it. Somebody came up with the idea after hearing a couple of speeches I'd made that we should use those words to articulate where we stood and why we stood there. It was the promotion of what we believe and why we believe in it in my words, not any presidential operation. The only presidency I've ever craved is that of the Welsh Rugby Football Union and that is a very highly sophisticated procedure way beyond the wit of any politician.

Does it hurt you when you are called a windbag and, given that a slight tendency to run on might be called your political

weakness, do you make a conscious effort to control it? I say what I mean. The windbag thing, I think, was invented by the Socialist Workers' Party. It would only hurt if it were true.

With three million unemployed, why isn't Labour in the lead instead of struggling to close the gap on the Tories?

Because over a long period, whilst people agreed with the desirability of our objective, they couldn't understand the practicality of the way we would go about getting unemployment down. It takes a lot of time, a lot of exposure, a lot of explanation to convey that conviction of feasibility.

In 1983 there wasn't credibility in the objective because we set ourselves too big an objective. Since that time we've had to try to pierce the blanket of misrepresentation which is one of the facts of life that faces the Labour Party, or to step over the distractions and the obfuscations of some of the reporting media with what I consider to be fringe issues.

We have additional problems in getting our policies accurately through because the merest hiccup in the movement somewhere will ensure that that is on the front page rather than the meat of the stuff. In elections it is easier to get it across because there is concentration on the issues and much less attention to those distractions.

Dependence on trade union funds detracts from Labour's wider appeal because you appear to be under the union thumb. Hasn't the time come to weaken the links with the union movement?



Neil Kinnock: "We've tried to steer clear of the dirt ourselves, with some success... What is tiresome for the electorate is the perpetual exchange of vitriol"

No need to. Historically, there is not a shred of real evidence to support that. It doesn't exist now and it won't exist because that's not the nature of the relationship. The consequence of the relationship is never to be one in which the unions determine the course of the policy.

If you scrap all the Tory trade union laws, won't we see a return in intimidatory mass picketing? Do the public want that?

No. Violence and intimidation are against the law and

the law will be upheld. Nothing to do with trade union law. So we could have mass pickets and police confrontation and have Orgreave again?

You mean you think Mrs Thatcher's laws have stopped it? What we've got to do is to consider the position as it existed before the Thatcher Government and you can think over decades of only a few exceptions to the rule of peaceful picketing and a couple of police being able to supervise even very large demonstrations for the sake of ensuring public order.

What has happened is that there has been a shift in that because of the nature of a couple of the disputes — very long disputes and very bitter disputes — not exactly assisted by the way the Government regarded its role and the role of the police. It was the police who coined the phrase "We're the meat in the sandwich" and they were. They were told to do a job that the Government was not prepared to do.

The Alliance, too, have plans for reducing unemployment. They couple theirs with an income strategy to ensure they

don't lift inflation. You have warned that inflation could go up under Labour. Why don't you do something similar?

Because neither the form of policy that they promote, some form of tax fine for making awards above a norm, nor the other variations on the theme — from the Prices and Incomes Act to the Guiding Light to the Counter Inflation Act of Ted Heath — works over a sustained period necessary to contain production costs and to increase the competitiveness of enterprises. If none of those things had been tried, perhaps we'd be willing to give them a try. But they've all been tried.

Will it be your aim to abolish private education within the lifetime of a parliament?

I don't think it's on. I think ultimately that what it would involve is denying the power to charge for schooling. It is never going to rule out people taking music lessons or doing a bit of extra swimming. I think that will always go on. But stopping the sale of education — that's a real possibility. But I don't think, because of the priorities for time, that it will be achieved in one parliament.

We hear about plans to take away money from top earners, but what plans have you got to create the wealth to pay for your ambitious schemes?

The transfer of advantage from the top earners, that £3.6 billion, to those who are in most need, like the pensioners, is the transfer of wealth created, otherwise it wouldn't exist to have been awarded to those who need it least.

Secondly, so far as all the estimates of our policy are concerned, a continual growth rate in excess of 3 per cent is universally accepted. That's a minimum figure, frankly.

Thirdly, we have said that we will engage in some borrowing — quite modest borrowing — certainly smaller as a proportion of GDP than, for instance, Japan or the United States. The whole purpose of doing that is to give us resources to generate more income. That's what sensible borrowing is about. It is certainly preferable as a way of giving vitality to the economy to the system which Mrs Thatcher has adopted of hugely increasing domestic debt and household debt.

Could you ever lead a Labour Party not committed to the

removal of all nuclear weapons? And is not the evidence of this election that your devotion to your defence policy is denying you the chance of victory in an election you might otherwise win?

No, of course I could lead a Labour party that didn't have the full commitment to stopping Trident and using our resources in a different way. I think we have the wiser course in terms of our defence needs and capabilities, but of course I could do that. It isn't my stubbornness or single-mindedness that is inhibiting the

## On defence...

**'The majority don't want to buy Trident. The majority don't like Cruise. What the majority want most of all is our country effectively defended'**

party in any way at all. It's the fact that as a country we have to make a choice between becoming much more dependent on nuclear weapons at a cost of reducing the necessary commitment to the Army, Navy and Air Force.

But isn't your defence policy proving a handicap?

The majority don't want to buy Trident. The majority don't like Cruise. The majority want the retention of some system of nuclear weapons, as recorded in the opinion polls. What the majority want most of all is our country effectively defended, and that is the objective I am pursuing.

Nati's flexible-response strategy still involves the first use of nuclear weapons. How long could you live with that?

We'll continue to argue for change, and we are doing it now in an environment in which President Reagan is promoting the removal from Europe of intermediate weapons, with the removal of battlefield weapons on the agenda.

How badly have you been harmed by the "loony left" allegations of your opponents?

## On Militant...

**'Where proof exists of Militant membership, we have demonstrated that action will be taken. This is the Labour Party, not the McCarthy Party'**

The amount of attention they give to it demonstrates that they are pretty short of other stuff. I wish people would, when they make these very broad allegations, investigate the veracity of the stories that are told. I think it is pretty obvious that those people on the fringes of the movement don't carry any weight so far as the policy, direction or leadership of the Labour Party is concerned — nor will they.

In what good conscience can you advise the electors of Coventry South East or Bradford North to vote Labour in this election to return known sympathisers with Militant?

In every constituency if people want unemployment to fall, if they want the health service to get proper support and they want real opportunities for their kids and proper care for the old, vote Labour everywhere. Where proof exists of membership of Militant, we have demonstrated that action will be taken. In the absence of proof, the natural rights of the individual prevail.

But in Liverpool you went out and got the proof.

The proof became available. We saw proof in a number of places and in some cases we've been able to come by it. Where we haven't, it has not been possible to proceed. This is the Labour Party, not the McCarthy Party.

If Jim Callaghan could do a deal with the Liberals, why do you reject a coalition with the Alliance in any circumstances?

I was not in favour of that pact because I thought we were doing much more good to the Liberals than we were doing for ourselves. We're in a different situation now, in which we are approaching an election, and just as Jim offered no pact or deal or consideration to any other party as he approached the 1979 election, there is just as little need and justification for me to take that view now.

We are discussing the hypothesis of a hung parliament. I don't think that is how it's going to turn out in any case. I don't take my view at all from personal likes or dislikes. That would be immature. It is entirely to do with the necessity of getting on with the job.

It has nothing to do with your distaste for Dr Owen and the SDP?

No. You can't run a business or a trade union or a party and certainly not a country on that basis.

How dirty has this election been, and what can be done about it?

Pretty much. Some people say muckier than any other one. What can be done about it is, I think, in the hands of the newspapers, because there is a segment of the Press that feels obliged incessantly to make personal attacks, mainly unfounded, and that creates an atmosphere in which people feel anything goes.

It's been that kind of campaign. We've tried to steer clear of the dirt ourselves. I think with some fair success. But in politics, if you can make a barbed remark with a degree of wit, well, I don't think the rules bar that. What is tiresome for the electorate is the perpetual exchange of vitriol.



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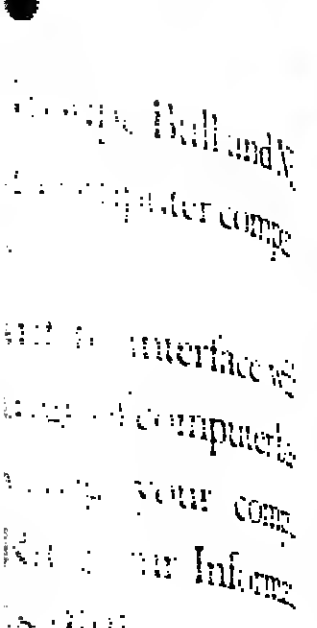


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Certainly there will be regional variations. Labour believes — with plenty of reason, according to the polls — that they will fare exceptionally well in Scotland. Conservatives believe that the West Midlands will resist any Labour tide.

They also expect that in some of the seats which they gained unexpectedly in 1983, the constituency service of the new incumbents will enable them to hold on. The Alliance think that, even if their

national vote falls or fails to advance, they will do well in the seats they hold and in those they have been targeting with special efforts.

Although the results will certainly not show a uniform pattern, the exceptional factors will largely cancel out. As casino proprietors know, there are regularities in behaviour where large numbers are concerned. Taken as a whole, 650 constituencies are more predictable than one marginal seat.

*David Butler is a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford.*



**CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON**  
Electorate 69,120 (68.6%)  
\*Forman, F N (C)  
Grant, J (SDP/All)  
Baker, Mrs J (Lab)  
Steel, R (Cm)

1983: C maj 10,755  
**CASTLE POINT**  
 Electorate 65,992 (64.1%)  
 \*Braine, Sir B (C)  
 Bastow, Ms A (SDP/A)  
 Deal, W (Lab)  
 1983: C maj 15,417

**CEREDIGION AND  
PEMBROKE NORTH**  
Electorate 63,141 (60,5  
\*Howells, G (L/All)  
Williams, O (C)  
Davies, J (Lab)  
Dafis, G (PIC)

**CHEADLE**  
Electorate 68,332 (66,  
Day, S (C)  
Leah, A B (L/All)  
Coffey, Ms A (Lab)

1965: C Maj 9,360  
CHELMSFORD  
Electorate 82,564 (78,  
Burns, S H (C)  
Mole, S (L/Al)  
Playford, C (Lab)  
Slade, A (Gm)

**CHELSEA**  
Electorate 49,534 (53.8%)  
\*Scott, N P (C)  
Ware, Mrs J (L/All)  
Ward, D (Lab)  
Kortvelyessy, Ms N (Gr)

4) **CHELTHENHAM**  
Electorate 79,234 (76.0)  
\*Irving, C G (C)  
Holme, R (L/All)  
Luker, M (Lab)  
1983: C maj 5,518

5) **CHERTSEY AND WALTON**  
Electorate 71,448 (70,200)  
'Pattie, G E (C)  
Stapely, Ms S (SDP/All  
Traces, H (Lab)  
1983: C maj 15,699

8) \*Gilmour, Sir I (C)  
Ketteringham, A (L/AI)  
Goulding, P (Lab)  
Darnbrough, Ms A (Gr)  
1983: C maj 15,869

**CHESTERFIELD**  
Electorate 70,357 (68,4  
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**CHICHESTER**  
Electorate 81,019 (77.2)  
\*Nelson, R A [C]

**CHINGFORD**  
Electorate 56,797 (55.2%)  
Tebbit, N B (C)

**CHIPPING BARNET**  
Electorate 60,878 (56,430)  
\*Chapman, S 2 (C)  
Skinner, I 1 (A)

Perkin, D (Lab)  
1983: C maj 12,393  
**CHISLEHURST**  
Electorate 55,535 (54.5%)  
\*Sims, R E (C)  
Younger-Ross, R (L/AU)

**CHORLEY**  
Electoralat 78,541 (72,8  
Dover, D (C)  
Watmough, A (Lab)  
Simpson, I (L/All)

**CHRISTCHURCH**  
Electorate 70,964 (65.44%)  
\*Adley, R (C)  
McKenzie, Miss H (SDP)  
Longhurst, Ms C (Lab)

**CIRENCESTER AND  
TEWKESBURY**  
Electorate 84,071 (80,000)  
Ridley, N (C)  
Beckerlegge, P (L/All)  
Naysmith, D (Lab)

**CITY OF LONDON AND  
WESTMINSTER SOUTH**  
Electorate 57,428 (57.7%)  
\*Brooke, P L (C)  
Smithard, Ms J (SDP/A)

1983: C maj 13,367

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**CLACKMANNAN**  
Electors 46,053 (47,842)  
"O'Neill, M. J. (Lab)  
McCartney, A. (SNP)  
Parker, J. (C)  
Waters, Mrs A. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 8,339

**CLACKMANNAN NORTH**  
Electors 56,116 (52,503)  
"Meyer, S. (C)  
Thomas, K. (Lab)  
Griffiths, O. G. (AI)  
Davies, R. (SNP)  
1983: C maj 9,989

**CLACKMANNAN SOUTH**  
Electors 58,158 (55,792)  
"Harvey, R. L. (C)  
Ellis, R. T. (Lab)  
Jones, M. D. (Lab)  
Jones, E. L. (PFI)  
1983: C maj 1,551

**CLYDEBANK & MILNGAVIE**  
Electors 50,152 (50,331)  
"Worthington, A. (Lab)  
Aikman, R. (SNP)  
Hirstwood, K. (C)  
Fisher, S. (SNP)  
1983: Lab maj 7,715

**CLYDEDALE**  
Electors 81,820 (80,240)  
"Hood, J. (Lab)  
Robinson, R. (C)  
Boyle, J. (SDP/AI)  
Russell, M. (SNP)  
1983: Lab maj 4,366

**COLCHESTER NORTH**  
Electors 82,420 (77,222)  
"Buck, S. P. (C)  
Hayman, A. (SDP/AI)  
Green, R. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 15,048

**COLCHESTER SOUTH AND MALDON**  
Electors 94,382 (78,582)  
"Waters, J. (C)  
Stevens, J. (SDP/AI)  
Sigmond, M. S. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 12,166

**COLNE VALLEY**  
Electors 70,199 (69,634)  
"Prestley, N. (Lab)  
Riddick, G. (C)  
Harman, J. (Lab)  
Mullany, M. (Gm)  
1983: Lab maj 3,148

**CONGLETON**  
Electors 68,172 (63,897)  
"Winter, Mrs A. (C)  
Brode-Brown, L. (AI)  
Knowles, M. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 8,459

**CONVY**  
Electors 52,862 (51,567)  
"Roberts, I. W. (C)  
Davies, R. (Lab)  
Rees, R. (PFI)  
1983: C maj 4,288

**COPELAND**  
Electors 54,695 (54,208)  
"Cunningham, J. A. (Lab)  
Toft, R. (C)  
Colgate, J. (SDP/AI)  
Gilson, R. (Gm)  
1983: Lab maj 1,837

**CORBY**  
Electors 66,119 (63,067)  
"Powell, W. R. (C)  
Faather, H. (Lab)  
Whittington, T. G. (AI)  
1983: C maj 3,168

**CORNWALL NORTH**  
Electors 72,735 (68,813)  
"Noble, G. A. (AI)  
Hermes, M. S. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 5,059

**CORNWALL SOUTH EAST**  
Electors 70,246 (65,165)  
"Hicks, R. A. (C)  
Tunbridge, L. (AI)  
Clark, P. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 3,354

**COVENTRY NORTH EAST**  
Electors 67,479 (67,037)  
"Hughes, J. (Lab)  
Prior, C. (C)  
Wood, S. (AI)  
McNally, A. (Comm)  
1983: Lab maj 7,775

**COVENTRY NORTH WEST**  
Electors 53,090 (52,072)  
"Robinson, G. (Lab)  
Powell, J. (C)  
Jones, T. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 3,038

**COVENTRY SOUTH EAST**  
Electors 51,880 (52,538)  
"Nellist, D. (Lab)  
Grani, A. (C)  
Dove, J. (SDP/AI)  
Hutchinson, N. (Gm)  
1983: Lab maj 2,682

**COVENTRY SOUTH WEST**  
Electors 55,567 (55,077)  
"Butcher, J. P. (C)  
Slater, R. (C)  
Whitney, R. (AI)  
1983: C maj 6,447

**CRAWLEY (Major change)**  
Electors 72,076 (70,713)  
"Soames, N. (C)  
Leo, P. (Lab)  
Simmons, D. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 11,814

**CREWE AND NANTWICH**  
Electors 72,961 (71,787)  
"Dunwoody, M. R. (C)  
Brown, M. G. (Lab)  
Roberts, K. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 290

**CROSBY**  
Electors 63,914 (63,274)  
"Thornton, G. M. (C)  
Donovan, S. (SDP/AI)  
Cheatham, C. (Lab)  
Walker, J. (Gm)  
1983: C maj 3,401

**CROYDON CENTRAL**  
Electors 56,410 (56,531)  
"Moore, J. E. M. (C)  
Jennison, M. B. (Lab)  
Burgess, T. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 11,821

**CROYDON NORTH EAST**  
Electors 63,129 (62,923)  
"Weatherill, B. B. (C)  
Cottle, J. (SDP/AI)  
Patrick, M. S. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 11,827

**CROYDON NORTH WEST**  
Electors 57,399 (58,333)  
"Mansel, R. (C)  
Rowe, L. (AI)  
Wilkes, M. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 4,092

**CROYDON SOUTH**  
Electors 65,085 (64,462)  
"Clark, S. R. V. (C)  
Morrison, J. (AI)  
Davies, G. (Lab)  
Baldwin, P. (Gm)  
1983: C maj 17,440

**CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH**  
Electors 45,427 (44,190)  
"Hogg, N. (Lab)  
Deans, C. (SDP/AI)  
Johnston, J. (SNP)  
Thomson, M. S. (C)  
1983: Lab maj 9,928

**CUNNINGHAME NORTH**  
Electors 54,817 (53,126)  
"Wilson, B. (Lab)  
Herbison, D. (SDP/AI)  
Irvine, M. (SNP)  
1983: C maj 1,639

**CUNNINGHAME SOUTH**  
Electors 49,842 (48,552)  
"Lambie, D. (Lab)  
Gibson, R. (C)  
Lowe, J. (AI)  
Ullrich, Mrs K. (SNP)  
1983: Lab maj 11,768

**CYNON VALLEY**  
Electors 49,521 (50,284)  
"Clywd, Mrs A. (C)  
Butler, K. (Lab)  
Bishop, M. (C)  
Richards, Mrs D. (PFI)  
1983: Lab maj 13,074  
1984/85: Lab maj 17,335

**DAGENHAM**  
Electors 71,714 (62,960)  
"Gould, B. G. (Lab)  
Neill, R. (C)  
Carter, J. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 2,937

**DARLINGTON**  
Electors 59,340 (55,233)  
"Fallon, M. (C)  
O'Brien, O. (Lab)  
Coffey, A. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 4,338

**DARTFORD**  
Electors 72,632 (71,822)  
"Dunn, R. (C)  
Clarke, B. (Lab)  
Brucia, M. (SDP/AI)  
Devonport, K. (PFI)  
1983: C maj 13,563

**DAVENTRY**  
Electors 69,241 (64,314)  
"Boswell, T. E. (C)  
Kouri, Mrs L. (Lab)  
McGarry, Mrs A. (SNP)  
1983: C maj 13,136

**DAYTHULME**  
Electors 65,558 (47,963)  
"Wright, D. (AI)  
Wright, D. (AI)  
Russell, M. (SNP)  
1983: C maj 9,014

**DELYN**  
Electors 63,541 (62,483)  
"Raffan, K. (C)  
Hanson, D. (Lab)  
Owen, D. (PFI)  
1983: C maj 5,944

**DENTON AND REDDISH**  
Electors 69,532 (68,661)  
"Bennett, A. F. (Lab)  
Bennett, A. F. (Lab)  
1983: Lab maj 5,125

**DERBY NORTH**  
Electors 71,738 (70,374)  
"Knight, G. (C)  
Whitehead, P. (Lab)  
Connolly, S. (AI)  
Wall, E. (Gm)  
1983: C maj 3,506

**DERBY SOUTH**  
Electors 68,825 (68,578)  
"Baker, T. (C)  
Leighton, P. (C)  
Mallor, M. S. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 4,21

**DERBYSHIRE NORTH EAST**  
Electors 70,314 (68,273)  
"Barnes, H. (Lab)  
Hayes, J. (SDP/AI)  
Hardy, S. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 2,006

**DERBYSHIRE WEST**  
Electors 70,782 (68,668)  
"McLaughlin, P. (C)  
Wainwright, C. (Lab)  
Moore, W. (C)  
1983: C maj 15,325  
1986/87: C maj 100

**DEVIZES**  
Electors 86,047 (83,211)  
"Morrison, C. (C)  
Siegler, M. A. (AI)  
Buxton, R. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 15,624

**DEVON NORTH**  
Electors 67,474 (63,638)  
"Speller, A. (C)  
Pinney, M. A. (AI)  
Marjoram, M. A. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 6,727

**DEVON WEST AND TORRIDGE**  
Electors 74,550 (70,648)  
"Walker, P. (C)  
Burnett, J. (AI)  
Brenton, D. (Gm)  
Williamson, P. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 12,351

**DEWSBURY**  
Electors 70,838 (69,734)  
"Winfield, J. (C)  
Taylor, Mrs W. A. (Lab)  
Mills, A. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 2,066

**DONCASTER CENTRAL**  
Electors 69,699 (71,039)  
"Walker, H. (Lab)  
Rawlings, Miss P. (C)  
Gore-Brown, J. (SDP/AI)  
Hutchinson, N. (Gm)  
1983: Lab maj 2,508

**DONCASTER NORTH**  
Electors 72,088 (72,184)  
"Welsh, M. C. (Lab)  
Shepherd, R. (C)  
Norwood, P. (Lab)  
Findlay, J. (SNP)  
1983: C maj 12,711

**DON VALLEY**  
Electors 74,500 (73,112)  
"Edmond, M. (Lab)  
Gallagher, C. (C)  
Whitaker, W. (AI)  
1983: Lab maj 5,466

**DORSET NORTH**  
Electors 72,844 (67,524)  
"Baker, N. (C)  
Tapper, G. (AI)  
Hargreaves, J. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 11,380

**DORSET SOUTH**  
Electors 72,855 (68,998)  
"Bruce, I. G. (C)  
Mills, B. (Lab)  
Hargreaves, J. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 15,098

**DORSET WEST**  
Electors 64,360 (60,997)  
"Spicer, J. (C)  
Jennison, M. B. (Lab)  
Burgess, T. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 13,952

**DOVER**  
Electors 68,997 (67,922)  
"Shaw, B. (C)  
Lowe, S. (C)  
Nice, G. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 2,220

**DOWNS NORTH**  
Electors 68,181 (61,574)  
"Kidd, J. (AI)  
Cuthbertson, J. (AI)  
McCartney, R. (AI)  
1983: Lab maj 4,973

**DOWNS SOUTH**  
Electors 71,235 (66,968)  
"Powell, J. E. (OUP)  
McGrady, E. (SDP/AI)  
Davies, G. (Lab)  
1983: C maj 17,440

**DUDLEY EAST**  
Electors 75,206 (74,765)  
"Gibson, J. (Lab)  
Jones, Mrs E. (C)  
Monks, K. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 5,818

**DUDLEY WEST**  
Electors 81,789 (77,795)  
"Tacey, J. (C)  
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Lewis, G. (AI)  
1983: C maj 8,723

**DULWICH**  
Electors 66,365 (56,596)  
"Bowden, G. (C)  
Hoe, Miss K. (Lab)  
Harris, A. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 1,859

**DUMFRIES**  
Electors 59,347 (57,594)  
"Morrison, S. R. (C)  
McCall, J. (SDP/AI)  
Phillips, M. C. W. (Lab)  
McAlister, J. (SNP)  
1983: C maj 8,894

**DUNDEE EAST**  
Electors 60,805 (62,752)  
"Wilson, R. G. (SNP)  
McAlister, J. (SNP)  
1983: SNP maj 10,150

**DUNDEE WEST**  
Electors 61,926 (62,703)  
"Ross, E. (Lab)  
Donnelly, J. A. (C)  
Lonia, M. R. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 10,150

**DUNFERMLINE EAST**  
Electors 51,175 (49,881)  
"Harris, Mrs E. (AI)  
Harris, Mrs E. (AI)  
McGarry, Mrs A. (SNP)  
1983: Lab maj 11,301

**DUNFERMLINE WEST**  
Electors 51,063 (48,075)  
"Douglas, S. J. (C)  
Gallie, P. (C)  
Moyes, F. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 2,474

**DURHAM CITY OF**  
Electors 66,887 (66,925)  
"Steinberg, G. (Lab)  
Stoker, D. (SDP/AI)  
Colquhoun, G. (C)  
1983: Lab maj 1,873

**DURHAM NORTH**  
Electors 71,157 (71,256)  
"Radice, G. (Lab)  
Jessey, P. (SDP/AI)  
1983: Lab maj 13,437

**DURHAM NORTH WEST**  
Electors 71,378 (70,747)  
"Armstrong, M. H. (Lab)  
Ickton, D. (C)  
Footes Wood, C. (AI)  
1983: Lab maj 6,358

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1983: Lab maj 4,21

**ELMET**  
Electors 69,024 (67,008)  
"Batiste, S. (C)  
Burgon, C. (Lab)  
MacArthur, J. (SDP/AI)  
1983: C maj 7,856

**ELTHAM**  
Electors 54,063 (55,062)  
"Somerville, P. J. (C)  
Vaughan, D. (Lab)  
Randall, E. (AI)  
1983: C maj 7,852

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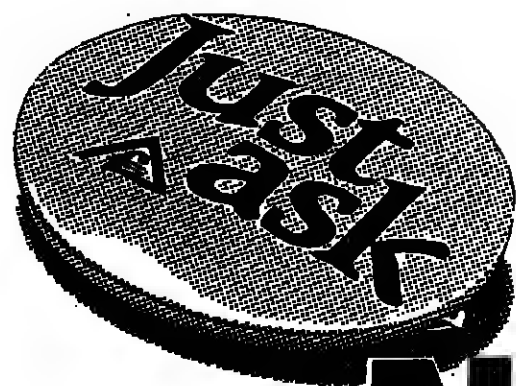
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## WORLD SUMMARY

## Seoul Opposition leaders confined

The South Korean Government placed several dissident leaders under house arrest yesterday and issued a stern warning to the Opposition not to stage planned anti-government rallies tomorrow (Our Foreign Staff writes). But the Opposition said it would be forced to topple President Chun's "dictatorial regime" if it blocked political reforms and mobilized security forces to prevent protests.

The National Coalition for a Democratic Constitution planned the rallies to denounce the death under police torture in January of a dissident student, and to demand that Mr Chun reverse his decision to shelve talks on constitutional reform.

## Bunker play park

East Berlin (AFP) — Eager to get rid of a 40-year-old eyesore, the East Berlin authorities have given the go-ahead for the development of 11 acres of waste ground above Hitler's wartime bunker into a leisure park and playground.

Only a few months ago the entrance to the bunker, half hidden by weeds and rubble, could be seen from across the waste ground near the Berlin Wall, but the entrance has since been flattened by bulldozers and the bunker filled in. As part of a face-lift ordered to mark the city's 750th anniversary, the area to be landscaped will later be surrounded by 1,300 houses and shops.

## Rock fans see red

Bonn — About 3,000 young rock fans have clashed with East Berlin police in what developed into a political protest against being kept at a distance from a three-day pop festival starring David Bowie just across the wall in West Berlin (John England writes).

Trouble broke out when police cordoned the Unter den Linden near the Brandenburg Gate to stop the fans hearing the Eurythmics performing in front of the Reichstag. Some 1,000 young people broke through the cordon and shouted at reinforcements: "The Wall must go," and "We want freedom". There were more than 30 arrests.

## Knesset bars Kahane

Tel Aviv (Reuters) — Rabbi Meir Kahane, right, the Israeli anti-Arab MP, was banned from the Knesset yesterday until he takes an oath of loyalty that could endanger his US citizenship. The Speaker, Mr Shlomo Hillel, told ushers to bar the New York-born rabbi after he refused to declare allegiance to Israel. Instead he read out his own oath, pledging faith to "God's law forever". Mr Hillel declared his statement void.



## Warrant for tycoon

Freetown (AFP) — Police in Sierra Leone have issued warrants for the arrest of Mr Jamil Shih Mohamed, the business tycoon, and the financial controller of his business empire, Mr Mohamed Jawad, also known as Mohamed Goul, a Palestinian with Iraqi nationality. They have already been named in connection with an alleged plot against the Freetown Government, but are now outside the country. Mr Jamil is said to be in London, where he runs a flourishing business. The police have accused the two of unlawful possession of arms and ammunition and have offered a reward of £6,000 for their capture.

## Explosives at roadside

Madrid — More than 220 lb of explosives of the type used in recent car bomb attacks by Eta, the Basque separatist organization, has been discovered by police on a lay-by near Barcelona. Señor José Barrioueyo, Spain's Interior Minister, announced yesterday and Wigg writes.

There were clear signs that the explosives, found together with detonating equipment, were intended to be used in an attempt to disrupt tomorrow's local and regional elections. Eta blew up and killed over a dozen young Civil Guards in Madrid last summer using half the amount of explosives discovered at the weekend.

## One dead in tax riot

Karachi — At least one person was reported killed and 20 others were injured in Karachi yesterday when demonstrations over a defence tax announced in the June 4 Pakistan Budget turned into clashes between Pathan and Mohajir groups (Zahid Hussain writes).

## Ex-CIA chief finds Soviet 'bugs' best

From A Correspondent, Moscow

A former director of the Central Intelligence Agency said here yesterday that the Russians were better at electronic hugging and eavesdropping than the Americans.

Dr James Schlesinger, who had been investigating technical security at the US Embassy here for the State Department, echoed the US Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, when he described the new building as honeycombed with bugs.

He found the bugs to be on a "higher plateau" than US equivalents, and he would not guarantee that they had all been detected.

But he appeared to rule out the need to dynamite the new embassy building.

"We will need a major overhaul of the secure areas of the building, but will be able to preserve a significant proportion of it," he said.

The 1972 agreement for the building of the American Embassy in Moscow and the Soviet Embassy in Washington had specified that each side would follow the construction procedures of the host country.

This was a mistake, Dr Schlesinger said. The Russians insisted that their normal procedure was to pre-cast concrete elements of the building away from the building site. They came back riddled with listening devices.

"It was a substantial opportunity and various government agencies fully availed themselves of it."

He added that a lack of vigilance on the part of Americans on the building site had been born of the conviction that all Russian-made bugs could be detected with American equipment. This turned out not to be the case.

## Fawn Hall raises the Irangate temperature

From Christopher Thomas Washington



Miss Hall: hounded by photographers.

Fawn Hall, an attractive blonde who was once a model before becoming secretary for the National Security Council, prepared to appear before the Iran-Contra hearings yesterday to answer critical questions about the shredding of sensitive documents.

Miss Hall, aged 27, has become something of a celebrity since her role in the scandal surfaced last February. She is the only participant in the investigations to have granted camera-men a "photo opportunity" in the hope that they would leave her alone.

She has been described as a loyal secretary and professional confidante to Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North,

the sacked National Security Council aide, and has indignantly turned down an offer of tens of thousands of dollars to pose nude for Playboy.

She is expected to generate more interest than any of the witnesses who have appeared in five weeks of testimony. She lives quietly with her parents in the Washington suburbs and now works at the Pentagon.

Miss Hall has told federal investigators that she helped Colonel North shred documents last November on the day the Department of Justice launched an inquiry into the Iran-Contra affair.

There have also been suggestions that Miss Hall took part in altering some documents. One of them is said

to have been a memorandum dated April 1985 in which the colonel suggested that President Reagan be briefed on details of private efforts to aid the Nicaraguan Contras at a time when government aid was banned.

Her testimony this week is expected to shed some light on the extent to which Colonel North had access to President Reagan and the late Mr William Casey, who was director of the Central Intelligence Agency when the Iran-Contra affair was taking place.

Miss Hall, whose mother Wilma is a secretary with the National Security Agency, has been granted immunity from prosecution by Mr Lawrence Walsh, the independent counsel, in

exchange for co-operation with his investigation into the affair.

Mr Walsh has also granted complete immunity to President Reagan's former personal assistant, Mr David Fischer, in exchange for his co-operation. It was announced yesterday, Mr Fischer was the President's principal personal aide from 1981 until March 1985, briefing Mr Reagan before meetings and escorting visitors into the Oval Office.

He has intimate knowledge of the inner workings of the White House and knows Mr Reagan's work habits. After he left the White House he became a highly paid consultant to groups linked to illegal fundraising for the Nicaraguan rebels.

## Subdued welcome as thousands line the streets of Warsaw

## Pope crosses swords with Jaruzelski in human rights defence

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Pope yesterday crossed swords with the Polish leader, General Jaruzelski, in a sharply worded defence of human rights and attack on the fundamentals of the Marxist creed.

The Pope was speaking soon after the beginning of his seven-day pilgrimage to Poland — the third in his pontificate.

In a formal delivery of speeches in Warsaw's Royal Palace, he told the General that human rights were central to any political system, to the economy and to peace.

"Remember," he said, "about man's right to freedom of worship, about the right to associate and freely express views. Remember about man's dignity which has to unite the activity of all human societies and communities... all violations and lack of respect for human rights constitute a threat to peace."

The General, in reply, emphasized that communism would not disappear in Poland and that he was doing everything possible to modernize the economy and democratize society.

The pilgrimage is billed as a pastoral visit, and there will be a singularly little contact with the Polish leadership. A second informal meeting with the General may be arranged for Sunday.

With the Pope's church encourage lined up facing the Polish Government and Pol-

ish members, the Royal Palace resembled the kick-off to a football match. This impression was reinforced by the veteran Communist parliamentarian, Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, who sported a bright red tie to indicate his team colours.

The Pope arrived to a relaxed but subdued street welcome. Many thousands of Poles crammed into Warsaw's streets — soldiers with badges of the Virgin Mary, a few hesitantly-raised Solidarity banners, ministry officials playing truant, and simply a mass of devout Polish Catholics — but the reception was almost a silent one.

Certainly it is a more restrained pilgrimage than that of 1979 — which gave birth to Solidarity — and of 1983, which soothed the wounds of martial law.

The Pope's pilgrimage is supposed to foster a more disciplined faith in Poland. The implication of this is not that Poland is slipping morally at the speed of the West, but rather that the Pope fears the long-term influence of the communist system.

The Pope thus lectured General Jaruzelski on the boundaries of the communist system, and indicated that he had a personal responsibility to Poland.

He said that the Royal Castle — scene of the political duel with the General — was a symbol of longevity of Poland rather than of the communist

system. "We often recall the words of the king who in a period of great and often bloody tension declared that 'I am not the ruler of people's conscience'". In other words, the General, too, should not try to intrude on the Poles' personal beliefs.

The Pope was unusually detailed in his critique of Marxism, including the logic of socialist economics. "The economy, just like work, is designed for man and not the other way round... Economic progress can only be achieved in this way. Man always comes first."

To Poles, battered by a series of price rises, this was an unmistakable reference to the sacrifices imposed by the Government in the name of economic reform.

The ball, to pursue the soccer metaphor, was then kicked squarely into the Government's goal with the Pope roundly declaring that the General, as Polish leader, had "a particular responsibility for this stage in the history of our nation".

The General, meanwhile, argued that it was communism that had restored the dignity of Poles, and that he was committed both to reforming the Polish economy — "a huge but feasible task" — and of improving the democratic possibilities of communism.

"The line of renewal, agreement and reform in Poland is irreversible," he said.



The Pope lifting up a little girl to give her a kiss in Warsaw yesterday at the start of his seven-day pilgrimage to Poland.

## Venice summit and the Gulf • Mrs Reagan's mission • Superpower meeting lined up

## Stockholm secure for First Lady

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Swedish police yesterday mounted their biggest security operation since last year's funeral of Mr Olof Palme, the assassinated Prime Minister, when Mrs Nancy Reagan arrived in Stockholm to study anti-drug programmes.

More than 200 police guarded Mrs Reagan as she drove from the airport in a bullet-proof limousine to attend a gala concert aimed at raising money to fight drug addiction.

Today Mrs Reagan will have lunch with King Carl Gustaf and Queen Silvia at Drottningholm Palace.

The Swedish security operation was complicated by the arrival of the Duke of Edinburgh at the start of a three-day visit as chairman of the World Wildlife Fund.

## American admiral opposes pre-emptive missile strike

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Admiral William Crowe, the chairman of America's Joint Chiefs of Staff, has told Congress that he opposes a pre-emptive strike against the Silkwood land-to-sea missiles that Iran is ready to deploy along the Strait of Hormuz.

In confidential testimony to the Senate armed services committee he is also reported to have said that President Reagan's plan for American warships to escort Kuwaiti tankers flying the Stars and Stripes in the Gulf is an acceptable risk. He doubted that Iran would ever use the Silkwood against ships under the US flag.

But it is clear that some senior military officials believe the missiles, which have a range of about 50 miles, are too dangerous and should not be allowed to become operational. Mr Howard Baker, the

White House Chief of Staff, strongly suggested yesterday that a pre-emptive strike would be necessary.

American intelligence indicates that preparations for siting the missiles have been completed and that at least one Silkwood could be ready for firing in about three weeks, as a result of the recent delivery of key spare parts by China, which has denied supplying the weapons.

The US Navy is hurriedly re-assessing its needs in the Gulf because of heightened tension, and is increasing its usual force of warships from six or seven to nine.

Mr James Webb, the Navy Secretary, has asked for a speedy report on whether Lamps III helicopters can be armed to attack high-speed Iranian patrol boats.

Congressional unease about

the plan to put 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers under the protection of the American flag has increased sharply in the past week.

● TOKYO: Iran has no intention of blocking the Strait of Hormuz, President Khamenei of Iran said in an interview published here yesterday by the *Asahi Shimbun* newspaper (AFP reports).

The Gulf was an international seaway and Iran had no intention of rashly blocking the Strait of Hormuz, the newspaper quoted Mr Khamenei as saying.

● JEDDAH: The six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council said here yesterday that it would mount a collective defence of Kuwait in the event of threats to its security, and that it approved Kuwait's request for US-Soviet protection of its tankers in the Gulf (AFP reports).

## Russia and US talks to set date

From Our Own Correspondent Washington

The United States and the Soviet Union are discussing a range of dates for a summit meeting this year between President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader. Both sides clearly expect to be able to sign an agreement on eliminating medium-range missiles from Europe.

Firm dates may be discussed after a meeting of Nato foreign ministers in Iceland tomorrow and Thursday, which is expected to produce an agreed position on the "double zero" option.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, and Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, may meet next month to try to confirm a date.

## Thatcher's room with a view in the Gritti Palace

From Andrew McEwen Venice

When John Ruskin sat in his rooms overlooking the Grand Canal seeking inspiration for the second volume of *The Stones of Venice*, he could not have foreseen that, 136 years later, a British prime minister would contemplate her political future from the same window.

The apartment on the first floor of the 16th century former palace of Doge Andrea Gritti that he rented in the winter of 1851 is now a two-room suite in the Gritti Palace Hotel. The British Government reserved it for Mrs Thatcher's overnight visit to the

seven-nation economic summit in Venice.

Nothing could be more different from the perspective Ruskin gained in Venice than the one Mrs Thatcher will have found. Ruskin saw a city losing, in his opinion, its architectural soul, and traced parallels with England. Mrs Thatcher will have noted a vibrant sense of renewal in Venice, which she may also see as paralleling Britain.

The differences are just as striking in the hazards they faced. When letting his rooms to his English tenant, the owner of Casa Wetzlar (as it was then called) did not find it necessary to send

divers down to check the foundations for bombs.

The occupying Austrian troops vied passionately for the attention of Ruskin's wife, Effie, but left the English architectural artist and commentator in peace.

The fervent hope of Dr Nico Passante, the director of the Gritti, yesterday was that Mrs Thatcher would spring no surprises on the Austrians' 20th-century successors.

He told *The Times* that the last time she stayed in the Ruskin rooms, in 1980, Mrs Thatcher horrified the security forces by walking through the

back streets to the hotel instead of alighting from a motorboat.

The British have roughly divided the 99-room hotel with the French Government, which has reserved a fine suite for M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister.

The French arrangements have highlighted the limits of "co-habitation," France's uneasy combination of a Socialist President and a Conservative Prime Minister.

President Mitterrand has distanced himself physically, as well as politically, staying across the water on the island of Giudecca.

## British dig uncovers earliest ivory-gilt sculpture of the Cretan Zeus

From Mario Modiano Athens

British archaeologists have discovered the torso, arms and hands of a Minoan chryselephantine statue which is probably the earliest and largest cult image of Diktaean Zeus, the Cretan-born version of the Olympian supreme god.

"This is certainly the finest example of Minoan sculpture and the earliest gilt ivory carving we have so far," said Dr Sandy MacGillivray, assistant director of the British School at Athens who, with Mr Hugh Sackett, has been conducting the excavations at Palaikastro, eastern Crete.

The full statue, which would have measured some 20 in high, showed a young male in the pose of Sir Arthur Evans's "boy god", its fists clasped to the breast in a posture related to manhood initiation rites.

In a building destroyed by fire around 1450 BC, a date usually associated with the end of the Minoan civilization, archaeologists found large pieces of carved ivory and some 30 fragments of hammer-gold leaf.

Two pieces of ivory form the torso, which stands nearly 5 in high. Tiny holes drilled on the chest suggest that golden nipples had been inserted.

The arms, bent with fists clenched, were each made in one piece. The anatomical detail is outstanding, especially the veins and muscles. Some gold leaf still clings to the left arm, probably representing part of a garment.

Dr MacGillivray said that the pieces of ivory had been worked separately, then pinned together with triangular wooden dowels, a technique previously unknown in ivory sculpture.

Gilt ivory was the highest form of cult sculpture in antiquity.

A rough idea of the appearance of the whole Palaikastro

statue may be obtained from smaller terracotta figurines also found there. These portray young men wearing short boots and loincloth with dagger in belt, and their head shaved Samurai-like.

"We assume that they are youths preparing for the ordeals of the rite of passage to manhood," Dr MacGillivray said. The young Cretan Zeus born in the Diktaean cave (as opposed to the Olympian father-figure on the Greek mainland) could have been portrayed in the same fashion.

Palaikastro, on the eastern coast of Crete, was one of three sites where the Minoans

built shrines to Diktaean Zeus. The cult appears to have survived there until as late as 700 BC.

According to Dr MacGillivray, the cult of Diktaean Zeus has been associated with human sacrifice. In the vast Minoan building with the fine ashlar masonry walls that the British School has been excavating at Palaikastro, human bones were found in contexts that cannot easily be explained.

"They were definitely not burials," Dr MacGillivray said. "But we need to excavate further before we draw any conclusions."



The 5 in high ivory-gilt image which was found by British archaeologists at Palaikastro in Crete.

## Parties wage a duel by insults

By Roger Boyes

Asses, liars, lepers. Drunkard, pirate, imbecile, twister. These are a few of the insults exchanged recently between the Christian Democrats and the Italian Socialists.

The painstaking research into insult exchange was carried out by a team of communist journalists (who seem to have excluded their own party). The results do not look flattering, either to the Christian Democrats, who try to cultivate an air of governing authority, or to the terrier-like Socialists.

A typical duel from the heirs of Cicero: Socialist Member of Parliament to Christian Democrat: "You are just a southern money-maker, a fraud, someone who prospers on other people's bankruptcies."

Christian Democrat in reply: "Shut up, you vulgarian. Nobody is interested in your farm language."

If some of that smacks of the school playground, then be advised that this is the nature of Italy's problem. Its recurrent crises — but this one in particular — are crises of party leadership. "In Italy nowadays," says a Milan businessman, "the mediocre go into the media, the talented into business and the worse than mediocre go into politics."

Perhaps nowhere is the falling off more visible than in the Christian Democrat Party. It has always been a party of factions and currently has at its head Signor Ciriaco De Mita, who has failed so far to establish strong central leadership.

The inability of a third generation of Christian Democrat leaders to assert themselves is partly because of the entrenched powers of provincial party barons. But it is also because the climate has shifted away from the temporary consensus of recent years.

The arrest of the Red Brigades, the softening of the divisions between northern and southern Italy, the exposure of Mafia chieftains, all



reduced the importance of what were once seen as threats to the future of Italy, leaving the parties free again to hicken.

The Christian Democrat programme is similar to that of its more effective sister party in West Germany: restrained intervention in the market, encouragement of big and small business, alignment with the West, unwavering friendship with the United States, a strong relationship with the Church. That is not so much a programme as a statement of faith.

Apart from the leaders, it is tricky catching a Christian Democrat on the election trail. His typical approach is to stay in his office and receive phone calls. Favours are sought and most of his time is spent arranging ways in which the favours can be granted. Sometimes in the Christian Democrat-dominated south, he runs in parallel if not in direct collaboration with the Mafia. When it was decided to develop southern Italy, the necessary funding was administered by Christian Democrat politicians. The roads were certainly built, but much of the money trickled away.

The traditional share of the Christian Democrat vote has been around 40 per cent, but in 1983 this collapsed to 33 per cent. The latest, admittedly flawed, opinion poll put support for the Christian Democrats at a disastrous 26.6 per cent.

Nobody puts much faith in these findings. Italians still regard the Christian Democrats as the natural governing party. Its political creed is in tune with the mood of the times — it is a party that functions at its best in times of prosperity.

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## Sri Lanka troops push deeper into Tamils' northern strongholds

From Our Correspondent, Colombo

Sri Lanka's security forces, ignoring India's objections, have forged ahead with operations against Tamil guerrillas in the northern Jaffna peninsula and seized control of two more towns.

The Government said yesterday that the Army, in "limited military operations", wrested Keerimalai and Maviddapuram from the rebels.

"The entire area of about 37 square kilometres (15 square miles) bounded by these two towns has now been secured," a Government spokesman said.

Military sources said that with the capture of the two towns the military had expanded the perimeter of the army camp at Kankesanur by about three miles. "This will mean that the harbour at Kankesanur, where most of our supplies are unloaded, is beyond the range of Tamil mortars," a Government spokesman said.

The unloading of food and fuel at Kankesanur harbour and the loading of cement has been hampered, as harbour workers have refused to work while subject to mortar fire. The Government accused the guerrillas of a deliberate attempt to block the unloading of supplies so that they could

claim there was an economic embargo on Jaffna and that there was starvation and hardship.

"The recent operations have enabled the Army to link all its camps along the northern coastal belt from Keerimalai to Point Pedro once held by the terrorists," the spokesman said.

"We are now getting to a stage when we can give up the bombing," another senior Government official said.

Diplomatic sources said the island's six Italian-built Sia Marchetti planes had now been moved from the northern airport at Palaly to Vavuniya, 78 miles south.

But the main Tamil guerrilla group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, have accused the Government of again resorting to aerial bombardment and heavy civilian casualties.

On Saturday the Army conducted another limited operation to drive rebels from the fishing village of Achchuvell.

The Army's weekend operations came two days after Indian Air Force transport planes violated Sri Lankan airspace and dropped food supplies for Tamils in Jaffna.

India had accused Colombo

of "carpet bombing" some parts of the peninsula inhabited by Tamils. Foreign journalists who flew in the Indian planes saw no evidence from the air of carpet bombing.

India dropped the supplies, charging that thousands of Tamils were starving in Jaffna. Colombo denied the accusation. It said no foreign assistance was necessary.

Telecommunication links with Jaffna continue to be suspended after Tamil guerrillas destroyed part of the telecommunications building in Jaffna last week.

Analysts in Colombo believe that this was done to prevent first-hand information from reaching Colombo-based journalists, enabling Tamil guerrillas to continue issuing statements in Madras in South India.

Meanwhile, the Government said five civilians were killed when a group of rebels threw a grenade at a police Jeep in eastern Batticaloa and the police opened fire.

The statement said three people were killed by the grenade explosion and two died of bullet wounds. Four others were injured.

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## Broadway gives its regards to British musicals

New York (Reuter) — This season's British invasion of Broadway paid off in a dozen Tony awards for shows born in the West End, while a quintessentially American drama about black family life was named the best play.

*Les Misérables*, the musical version of Victor Hugo's classic novel about the French Revolution, was the big British winner.

It took eight awards in the 12 categories in which it was nominated.

The lavish show, directed by Trevor Nunn, was best musical and also took awards for best book, score, featured actor and actress, direction of a musical, scenic design and lighting design.

August Wilson's *Fences*, the story of a black family's struggles inside and outside the home, brought a best actor Tony to James Earl Jones and a best featured actress award to Mary Alice, as well as a director prize for Lloyd Richards.

The awards heaped on *Les Miz* came as no surprise for the show that racked up a record \$1.1 million (£675 million) in advance ticket sales before its opening last November.

Another British show, the Cockney musical *Me and My Girl*, won three awards, including Robert Lindsay's top acting award for the lead role in a musical.

*Starlight Express*, a British import which had been nominated for seven awards, won



Tony award winners Robert Lindsay, left, Maryann Plunkett, Linda Lavin and James Earl Jones, celebrating afterwards. Below, Herbert Kretzmer with his award for *Les Misérables*.

only the prize for best costume design.

Linda Lavin won as best actress in a play of the Neil Simon memoir, *Broadway Bound*.

John Randolph won best featured actor honours for his part in the play.

Full list of winners: Play: *Fences*, August Wilson. Musical: *Les Misérables*. Revival: *All My Sons*. Actor (Play): James Earl Jones. Actress (Play): Linda Lavin. Broadway

Bound. Actor (Musical): Robert Lindsay. *Me and My Girl*. Actress (Musical): Maryann Plunkett. *Me and My Girl*. Book (Musical): Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg. *Les Misérables*. Score (Musical): Claude-Michel Schönberg. *Les Misérables*. Director (Musical): Trevor Nunn and John Caird. *Les Misérables*. Featured Actor (Musical): Michael Maguire. *Les Misérables*. Featured Actress (Musical): Frances Raffelle. *Les Misérables*. Scenic Design: John Napier. *Les Misérables*. Costume Design: John Napier. *Starlight Express*. Lighting Design: David Hersey. *Les Misérables*. Choreography: Gillian Gregory. *Me and My Girl*. Special award for continued excellence by a regional theatre: San Francisco Mime Troupe. Other special awards: George Abbott and Jackie Mason. *Broadway mistakes*, page 24

## Pretoria arrests top union official

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A leading official of South Africa's biggest black trade union federation was arrested early yesterday at his home in Meadowlands, in Soweto, a union spokesman said.

The spokesman said the security police came for Mr Sydney Mufamadi, the assistant general secretary of the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu). There was no immediate confirmation by the police.

Cosatu said it saw the arrest as part of an "orchestrated attack" by the Government and a prelude to the detention of more union officials.

Meanwhile, some 17,000 black railway workers are expected to start returning to work today after the agreement reached at the end of last week. The workers went on strike on March 13 in protest against the disciplining of a colleague and were dismissed on April 22. Strikes are illegal on the railways. During the dispute six strikers were shot dead by the police.

The United Democratic Front (UDF) anti-apartheid organization has rejected an invitation from President Botha's ruling National Party to take part in talks on the composition and function of the President's Council, an advisory body currently limited to whites, Indians and mixed-race coloureds.

The UDF has called for two weeks of protest action starting on June 12, the first anniversary of the state of emergency. The period also includes the 11th anniversary of the start of the 1976 uprising by schoolchildren in Soweto.

Student shot: A black student leader, Mr Nkosinathi Shabangu, aged 20, was shot and killed by three gunmen in full view of teachers and fellow pupils at his school in Soweto on Friday morning in what was believed to be new violence between two warring political organizations (AFP reports).

## Fugitive MP not guilty of rebellion

Rome (Reuter) — A appeals court yesterday acquitted Toni Negri, a fugitive Member of Parliament once accused of being the brains of the Red Brigades, of armed insurrection and kidnapping charges, but upheld a conviction for organizing a robbery that cost the life of a paramilitary officer.

Negri fled to France in September 1983 after an arrest warrant was issued, and is reported to be there still. The court reduced a prison sentence from 30 years to 12.

**Order in court**  
Dhaka — The Supreme Court in Bangladesh re-opened yesterday as senior lawyers ended a year-long strike over decentralizing the judiciary.

**Muslims held**  
Cairo (Reuter) — Egyptian authorities have confirmed that 500 Muslim fundamentalists are being held for questioning over three political murder attempts.

**Killer storm**  
Bilbao (Reuter) — Eight people were killed and one was missing after a storm tore across northern Spain and south-western France.

**New envoy**  
Canberra (AFP) — Mr David O'Leary, has been appointed Australia's new Consul-General in New Caledonia to fill a four-month void left by the expulsion of Mr John Dauth.

**Shell shock**  
Manila (Reuter) — Two men were shot dead when they argued with four men who disagreed that the chicken came before the egg, the *Philippines Daily Inquirer* reported.

**Bomb death**  
Nicosia (Reuter) — Mr Costas Christou, aged 65, a former governor of Nicosia prison died instantly when a bomb destroyed his car, police said.

## Right-wing threat to Israel coalition

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The small right-wing party which holds the balance of power in the Knesset is threatening to bring down Israel's coalition Government next month unless there is approval for a rapid increase in settlement in the occupied territories, and an end to all moves towards an international Middle East conference.

The threat comes from the Tzohar Party, which has five Knesset members elected on a platform to annexe the territories while depriving the Arab inhabitants of the right to vote.

The latest opinion polls show that if elections were held now it would double its number of seats and could form a block strong enough to dictate policy to any Government. Tzohar has everything to gain from early elections.

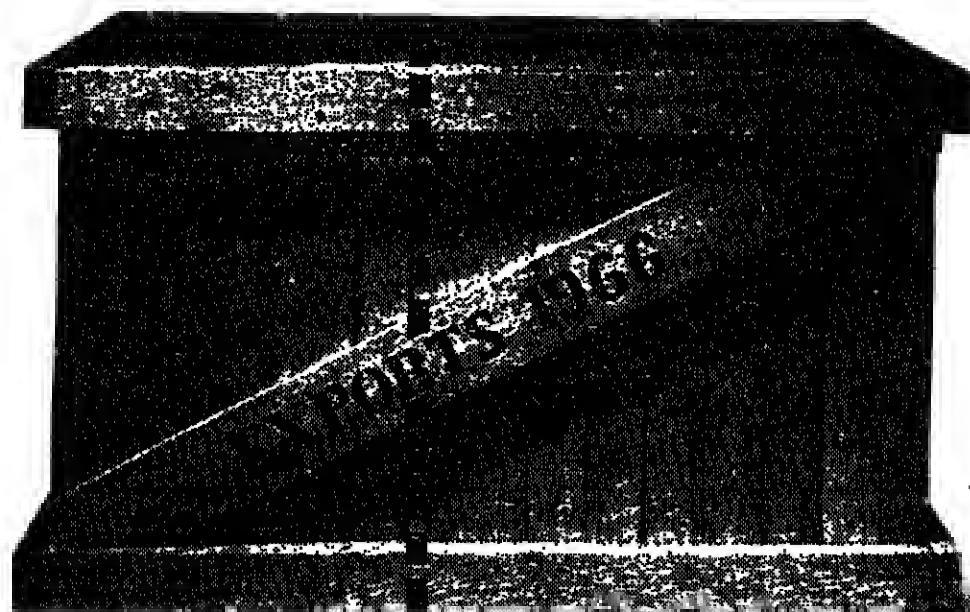
Delegates to a special party conference in Tel Aviv on Sunday voted overwhelmingly to issue an ultimatum to Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Likud Prime Minister, either he pushes through approval for up to 27 new settlements and

blocks plans to return land to two Christian Arab villages in Galilee, or Tzohar will vote by July 20 for early elections.

This is the date by which the religious party, Shas, has insisted that stricter laws defining "who is a Jew" are passed by the Knesset if it is to continue to support the Government.

Yesterday 13 settlers from Kiryat Arba, near Hebron, were charged in court with a catalogue of offences for running a riot in a Palestinian refugee camp near Bethlehem last Saturday. They included several members of the settlement's religious council, and they were also charged with attacking the Israeli soldiers who were called in to break up the riot.

The riot prompted a top-level meeting yesterday between Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, and Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron, the Chief of Staff. They agreed that in no circumstances could civilians like the settlers be allowed to take the law into their own hands in dealing with Palestinians.



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## Sparing no expense

Election challenges are infrequent these days but the Conservative and Labour parties will be closely scrutinizing Alliance election expenses in seven marginal seats. They were selected by the Alliance for a private poll, conducted by Marplan last week, which was then published in a national newspaper. Market researchers and political pollsters are quietly seething because the poll, which showed the Alliance in a more favourable light than any of the other previous national polls, was not accompanied by the usual sampling qualifications insisted on by the Market Research Society. Tory and Labour HQs are also upset because the findings could help the seven Alliance candidates. The Alliance may now have to declare the cost of the poll — reckoned to be about £4,000 per constituency — in their election expenses, which are limited by law. Needless to say, if the Alliance wins any of the seven, which include Bath, Cambridge and Islington South, the knives will be out all the faster.

## Brief flame

Tory candidates' names are getting shorter. Simon Burns has been causing puzzlement in Chelmsford, where he is fighting a strong Alliance challenge, by saying he graduated from Worcester College, Oxford. So he did, but neither the college nor the university can find his records because he was then known as Simon McGuigan Burns. Burns clearly felt the extra name was a handicap in the harsh world of politics. And this in a seat represented for 23 years by Norman St John-Stevens.

● Though Burns has lost a name he has picked up a slogan — from Labour's successful Fulham by-election campaign. "Nick Raynsford knows what he will be doing on Thursday — voting for Fulham's next MP" has been changed to "Simon Burns knows..."

## Report retort

Roy Hattersley's enthusiasm for a London Business School report that favourably considers Labour's schemes for reducing unemployment is not shared by the school's director, Alan Budd, who is fuming at the capital being made of it by the shadow chancellor. Budd, a free market economist, is adamant that, although it appears on LBS headed paper, the report is the responsibility of the three authors, two of whom, he tells me, are Labour sympathizers. Though Budd is not criticizing the report, he says it "in no way represents the views of the school". Budd's reaction puzzles one of the authors, Francis Breckon: he tells me Budd helped him draft it.

## Railroaded

Swindon, the birthplace of Diana Dors and former home of British Rail engineering, is hardly the place you would expect to find the Home Secretary two days before the election addressing local churchgoers on prostitution. But so serious is the vice problem around St Luke's church that the parishioners commandeered Douglas Hurd to talk about policing last night. And such is the concern of the parish priest, Father Michael Brundell, that he has turned his own home over for the invitation-only meeting.

● Wessex Regionalist Party, which mustered all of a few thousand votes in 1983, has announced that it is standing down in favour of the Liberals — but will spring back into action if a regional Wessex assembly is not forthcoming. Could this be the price of a hung parliament?

## Parish hump

Who is the angelic child on the latest election leaflet produced by Warren Hawley, Tory candidate in The Wrekin? Answer: Eve Parish, seven-year-old daughter of Labour campaign officer Jim Parish. Wrekin Labour Party says the Tories cut out the picture from Labour's glossy hand-out on family policy to illustrate a point about education. To make matter worse, she appears in ghastly blue and white reproduction. "It's not me that's protesting," Parish told me yesterday. "But Eve wants an apology."

## Discounted

The impounding of David Owen's battle bus in London on Sunday reminds me of a similar incident involving the ebullient Screaming Lord Sutch (Official Monster Raving Loony Party). During the 1983 Stratford-on-Avon by-election caused by John Profumo's resignation, he decided to drive to Westminster "to inspect his future work place". On arrival his car was towed away and, hailing a cab, he invited two witnesses to accompany him and his two assistants to the car pound. But a policeman stopped the taxi and pointed out that it was licensed to carry only four passengers. The cabbie took one look at the eccentrically-dressed pop star and said to the policeman: "You don't count him, do you?" and the group was told to proceed. Lord Sutch is still looking forward to working in Westminster.

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# Poland: charter for freedom

As the Pope again visits his native country, 46 prominent Poles — academics, economists, theologians and leaders of the Solidarity independent trade union, among them Lech Walesa — signed this public statement

Poland's present social, economic and cultural situation gives rise to profound unease. Basic problems have still not been tackled. The conflict between the authorities and broad sections of society continues. Successive hopes of dialogue, understanding and reform have been dissipated.

The gap between our economy and that of the world's most advanced countries continues to widen. Everyday life becomes harder and harder. Many Polish families are in dire poverty. The public mood is increasingly characterized by a sense of doubt, powerlessness and fear.

We believe that the third pilgrimage of the Pope to his homeland will open new horizons. This is not the time, in view of the catastrophic state of affairs, to reckon up faults, injustices and errors. We are convinced that there can be no question of normal development of our country without a realization of the following points:

● Poles have a right to independence. There can be no just Europe without an independent Poland on its map. The principles of the United Nations' charter, the international pacts on human rights and the Helsinki final act must be realized in full. None of Poland's problems can be solved

without that essential sovereignty of the state, by which we mean, at the very least, freedom in running our internal affairs, freedom from external interference, and equal relations with other states.

We must also have the right to maintain normal relations — family, cultural and social — with people in both the West and the East. We must have the right to shape the fate of our nation. Pulling Poland out of its crisis means that Poles must be masters in their own country.

● Poles, like people everywhere, should have the right to live in democracy. In truth and in respect for the law. As history illustrates, no authority can successfully direct the state of a modern, civilized society without wide social acceptance, expressed in an unconstrained and open manner. It is essential to assure the genuine equality of citizens before the law, to eliminate social privileges based on caste, and to realize the

basic social ideas recognized both by Polish historical tradition and by the teaching of the Church.

Without the realization of these ideals — such as freedom of conscience, freedom to associate in trade unions and social and cultural organizations and freedom of speech, it is difficult to speak of the normal functioning of state, economy or culture.

There can be no up-to-date civilization without an honest respect for laws which are binding as much on the rulers as the ruled; without a genuinely independent judiciary and freedom to develop education and culture. The removal of barriers to the circulation of thought and information; the opportunity to establish publications and publishing houses independent of the authorities — these are the essential prerequisites for the maintenance of our identity.

● Poles have a right to determine their own economic order. This

must give meaning to work, give access to the benefits of progress, guarantee dignified conditions of life and sustain a correct relationship between man and his environment. The barriers binding or preventing individual or social economic activity independent of the state must be removed.

Poles cannot ignore these basic issues. They determine our actions and our hopes. These rights contain great creative power. Only a Poland in which they are realized can be an active and stable member of the community of all European nations. The basis of our activity in the name of these rights is the renunciation of force. Such is the significance of the Solidarity experience. We wish to make this principle a basic component of the philosophy of work for our country. The call "Conquer evil with good" has brought Poland a wise and rich harvest.

We profoundly hope that the pilgrimage of John Paul II should provide an impulse to help resolve Poland's most pressing problems. This will entail courage and imagination on both sides. We are convinced that the presence of the Holy Father will strengthen Polish aspirations and make Polish hopes more real.

This article is an edited English translation of the statement.

# This ailing Alliance

Last week, with some sadness, I watched the Alliance unravelling. On Wednesday I had lunch with David Owen aboard his campaign plane. The polls that morning had been better for the Alliance than at any time since the campaign began. Dr Owen was looking forward to what most people call a hung parliament. The Alliance likes to call it "a balanced parliament".

Dr Owen thought that, given a balanced parliament, both Labour and the Tories would want to negotiate with the Alliance. The Alliance would keep both options open until it found through which party it could best get its policies into operation. Dr Owen was not euphoric but he talked like a man who knew where he was trying to go and had a fair chance of getting quite a lot of what he wanted.

Just after lunch, word reached the plane of what David Steel had just been telling Sir Robin Day and the nation: he regarded a coalition between the Alliance and Mrs Thatcher as unimaginable and said flatly that he would not serve under her. On the Owen plane, the reporters suddenly woke up: "If these guys don't kill one another?" "It's breaking up before our very eyes!"

Dr Owen, understandably, was not immediately available for comment. His entourage assumed a collective air of preoccupied unavailability. Aboard the aircraft, at that moment, Kipling's *I* seemed to shine out like a no-smoking sign.

At this point, I happened to be sitting beside Dr Owen's senior aide, Roger Carroll, a courteous person of somewhat didactic tendencies. I indicated to him that what Dr Owen had been telling me at lunch didn't seem quite compatible with what Mr Steel had been telling the nation. Mr Carroll explained: "You have to get these things back into context."

You have to get things back into context. But what if they won't go? Off the plane in Devonshire and on to a campaign bus. Dr Owen inspects a hospital, then a factory. Finally, at about 4.30, he allows the press to question him about what Mr Steel had said. He shows grace under pressure, fends off questions with smiling ease. His main theme is that he is concerned with "policies, not personalities".

It sounded good, but a bit too good for this world, like much else about the Alliance. I thought of Edmund Burke, and of his distressed contemporary, Lord Shelburne. Shelburne's maxim had been "measures, not men". Burke thought that maxim a very poor guide to practical politics, which always includes people. And "policies not personalities" is hardly a more impressive maxim in today's Britain where the blazing portent of Mrs Thatcher's personality and policies combined casts its light as shadows over the whole political landscape.

Back on the Owen plane, now East Midlands bound, it was drafting time. Roger Carroll was scribbling away, covering the upper half of the page with his left hand, as if some reporter might be so ungenerously as to sneak a peek.

Then the Commodore Hotel, Nottingham, for an "Ask the Alliance Rally" featuring Owen and Steel. The rally was 10 minutes late in starting. The two leaders were closeted in conference. Then they came out together, accompanied by their joint musical signature, that triumphant trumpet tune of Henry Purcell's strains which seemed achingly unsuited to their current prosaic and depressing predicament. David Steel looked a little ruffled and a little miffed. Dr Owen exuded *gravitas* and *authoritas*. A Joint Statement was issued. This was a fudged document, and of course fudge is the daily bread of politics. Still, not very appetising bread, for an Alliance which has prided itself on openness and candour. The Joint Statement was compatible with what Dr Owen had been saying, and so appeared to contain an implicit repudiation of what Mr Steel had been saying.

Dr Owen's aides, once the Joint Statement had brought the affair to what they seemed to consider a happy conclusion, let it be known



"Tweedledum and Tweedledee Agreed to have a battle..."

## Conor Cruise O'Brien follows the two Davids as their great dream encounters the reality of fundamental division

to the press that the Joint Statement was Dr Owen's handiwork, and not at all Mr Steel's. I have no doubt that this was substantially true. But leaking it to the press seemed to me in the circumstances, neither particularly nice nor particularly wise. Nor did it seem a particularly good augury for the future of the Alliance.

On the following day, Thursday, I followed David Steel's campaign across Scotland, by plane and bus. Everywhere he went, Steel was dogged by questions about what he had said, or not said, and meant, or not meant, in that conversation with Sir Robin. And it soon became very clear that potential Liberal voters in Scotland liked the assurance "I will not serve under Margaret Thatcher" a lot better than the delicate, diplomatic ambiguities of the Joint Statement.

All morning, Mr Steel stuck, more or less, to the formula of the Joint Statement. But by noon he was throwing Dr Owen's careful wording to the winds. Asked by students at St Andrew's whether he would or would not be prepared to serve under Mrs Thatcher, he replied: "If you have to give an answer in one word, the answer is 'no'." And asked if he had really ruled out a Thatcher-Alliance coalition, he replied: "My original word was 'unimaginable' and I stick by that."

Having got that off his chest, Mr Steel seemed a lot more cheerful. He was now the Liberal leader, on his native heath, doing what he thought was best for the Liberals. What that left of the Alliance was not clear. Possibly a funeral march, from Henry Purcell.

The transactions were only rather perfunctorily reported in the media, there being a lot of other things going on in Britain and the rest of the world. But at a time when opinions and emotions are polarized for or against Mrs Thatcher, the Alliance seemed to be conditionally inclined towards coalition with the lady, while at the same time firmly rejecting any such possibility. The voters will have to make what they can of

that, which is probably not much.

The problems of the Alliance are both structural and temperamental. Putting that more concretely, Dr Owen is disposed to be bossier than his present, or probably future, political base can easily bear. It would be different if the SDP looked like winning a good number of seats on Thursday. In that case, the Alliance would look more like a reality, and the imperious and glamorous Dr Owen would look more like, and be more acceptable as, the leader of that reality.

As it is, when Dr Owen dictates terms to Mr Steel, and lets it be known that he has done so, Dr Owen is pushing his luck. Mr Steel may stand a little in awe of the faster foreign secretary when they are together. But when Mr Steel is on his own ground, out there on the campaign trail, he remembers how many seats the Liberals have, and how many the Social Democrats have, and seems likely to have. Or so it seemed to me, last Thursday, in Scotland.

Personalities are more important in politics than Dr Owen seems to allow for. And his own impressive personality seems at present too big for his political boots.

A remarkable achievement in bringing the Labour Party back in the general direction of the national centre.

Dr Owen and his friends are now in the position of people who have jumped off a political train because they considered, with good reason, that it was headed in the wrong direction. So there they are, bravely and honourably trudging through the wilderness in what they judge to be the right direction... but stay, what is that whistle? Can it be a train? Yes indeed, the Labour Party train with its new driver, Neil Kinnock. And it has reversed engines.

It is rather a funny looking train with a few funny looking people among its many passengers. It

moves very slowly, for a train, because it is burdened with a heavy and undesirable freight of unwelcome past decisions. All the same, it is a train, and it moves distinctly faster than those stranded pedestrians, and carries more people along with it. So it puffs past those pedestrians and disappears in the opposite direction to that for which they had abandoned it.

David Owen and Neil Kinnock don't agree on very much, but they would certainly agree in rejecting that metaphor of the train. For Kinnock, the idea of his reversing engines, and moving in the direction favoured by the renegades of the SDP, would be altogether unacceptable. For Owen, no Labour engines have been reversed; Labour is still headed in the same old direction, and towards perdition. Neil Kinnock is, in Dr Owen's eyes, a prisoner of the hard left whose only talent is an illusionist's ability to convey the impression that this is not the case.

But what matters for the Alliance is what seems to be happening to the Labour Party. And what seems to be happening is that Labour is getting more moderate under Mr Kinnock, who has managed to put the hard left in its place. As against that, the Social Democratic leaders have to appear as the people who have now been licked by Mr Kinnock. A crude perception, no doubt, but crude perceptions count for more in politics than subtle ones.

The Alliance may indeed possibly gain a few seats in this election, through more professional tactics, targeting of marginals and so on. But it seems unlikely now that it will ever be able to play the major role in British politics for which its founders hoped. The Liberals will still be around, but paying less and less attention to their Social Democratic partners, if they still have any. In Scotland last week, Mr Steel seemed to be pointing in that general direction.

If the above analysis is correct, the SDP, as a political grouping, has no future. One may hope that the remarkable talents of its leaders will not be altogether lost to British politics. Shirley Williams would, I believe, be welcome back in the Labour Party. She would have to wear some sackcloth and ashes for a while, but I don't expect that would worry her; Shirley has never paid too much attention to what she happens to be wearing. Roy Jenkins should be happy with the Liberals, and they with him.

I don't know about Dr Owen. He may be a natural Tory, but I doubt whether the Tories would want him. Dr Owen is very clever and very bossy. But the Tories already have someone who is very clever and very bossy. And they may reckon that one like that is quite enough to be going on with.

Tomorrow: on the campaign trail with Labour

Ben Pimlott

# Kinnock the dam-buster?

There is an uncanny feel to this election in its final phase. Omens and portents abound, but none confirms the findings of the polls.

The contradiction is particularly visible in the press. In the past, the media has tended to defer to the latest survey, and the knee-jerk reaction has been to criticize the techniques of the party doing badly and praise those of the one doing well. In the manic-depressive cycle of electioneering, such "evaluation" becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, triggering some real mistakes. Usually, the winner is the party that enjoys the happiest and most lauded campaign.

So far in 1987, the sequence has been different. In the responsible media, the campaigning of the underdog has aroused the most favourable interest. There have been three stages. At the start Labour was apparently doomed, and pens were sharpened to write its epitaph. Then, miraculously, it made an impressive opening and revived in the polls, causing a flurry of excitement in the press. The departure from tradition occurred in the third phase, when Labour's upward progress had been halted, supposedly by the highlighting of defence. At this point, election ritual required commentators to say that Labour had lost momentum, while the slow-starting Tory campaign was beginning to take off.

Instead, after only the briefest interlude, the good qualities in Labour's campaign, and the Tories' failings, continued to be the subject of debate. Though the levels of Conservative, Labour and Alliance support have barely altered during the past two weeks, the dominant view of observers, established as soon as the party leaders had made their first appearance, has gathered force. Almost everybody continues to see Mrs Thatcher as the likely victor. But virtually all acknowledge that Mr Kinnock is, spectacularly, winning the campaign.

The second point — Labour's psychological ascendancy, after a decade of own goals — is beyond dispute. It has not just been Labour's new professional style, directly appealing to real voters, instead of (as in the past) to an idealised image of what voters ought to be like. It has also been, in particular, the sense of Labour winning the exchanges, attacking more often than defending, "setting the agenda" — of Labour as a directed force, with the ambition and the intellect to govern.

There have of course been imperfections. It would have been better to concentrate more on policy, and less on personality, as the campaign progressed. It was certainly wrong to bore voters with a rerun of the Kinnock weepie, in place of a planned party-political on jobs. Nevertheless, it is hard to fault the general conduct of a campaign which in evangelical power as well as strategic conception has not been equaled since 1964. Against this

the Conservative response has been bewildered; the diadem was unprepared. A headline in *The Sunday Times* on June 7 says it all: "Rattled Tories battle to get the show on the road." As yet, however, the contrast appears to have done them little harm.

Or is this really so? In addition to yesterday's MORI poll, indicating a sharp late swing in the marginals, there is a striking contradiction between the overall figures for voting intentions and the parties' showing on particular issues. On intentions, the Tories retain their lead. On issues, Labour has made progress during the campaign and Mr Kinnock has substantially improved his personal rating. It is as though, in this overtly calm election, water has been mounting behind a dam. For the moment, the dam looks pretty solid. But the pressure is great enough for it to break at any moment.

If more cracks do appear, here is something important to bear in mind. In terms of the total popular vote, Labour is likely to do better relative to the Conservatives than the final prediction in the opinion polls. In each of the last seven general elections, the last forecast of the polls (when averaged out), exaggerated the level of support for the government of the day, whether Labour or Tory. In every election except that of 1964 it has also underestimated the support of the main opposition party.

This exaggeration has been greatest when (as in 1970 and October 1974) the main opposition was gaining ground. It has been very slightly greater for Labour governments than for Tory ones. But it has always occurred, possibly reflecting a higher degree of motivation among voters set on getting rid of an administration, than among those who are merely content with the status quo. The "pro-government factor" in the polls has meant that, on average, governments have done 3 per cent less well, relative to the main contender, than the last-minute polls indicated. Support for the government party has been 2 per cent lower and for the chief opposition party 1 per cent higher than expected.

This year could prove the exception. Better sampling methods and more polls closer to voting day might help. (Though in 1983 the error was above the seven-election average). If, however, the pattern is maintained then the present Tory margin of safety is indeed a small one.

It is impossible to know whether, in line with gut feeling, the gap will narrow during the remaining 48 hours before the polling booths open. But it does — especially if the level of Conservative support shows any significant drop — then Birmam Wood may come to Dunsinane and the result of this election may not confound the intelligence and instincts after all.

however... Henry Stanhope

# Follow your leader

This is about the time in an election campaign when a newspaper tells its readers whom to vote for. It's a little like the block vote, as perfected by the TUC as a means of averting messy uncertainties at its annual autumn conference.

I think the idea is worth developing on similar lines. Instead of wasting time at the polling booth you could just say "Daily Express" — or whatever — to those nice people who sit around a table near the door with their pencils and pieces of paper, and one's vote would be registered accordingly.

It is now clearly beyond the ability of the ordinary British voter to make such decisions on his own, without first seeking expert guidance anyway. The most interesting opinion poll so far this time was the one conducted for the BBC, which revealed that roughly one third of the electorate did not know which party their MP belonged to. And that was before the campaign started, so by now they must be thoroughly confused.

There are, of course, several interpretations of this finding. On the one hand it might be that the MP has never got round to telling them — perhaps in the hope they might never find out. On the other, it could be that he has a singularly independent mind, voting for instance (if a Conservative) in favour of selling the RAF to Sri Lanka or (if Labour) for a message of congratulation to be sent to President Botha on his success in the South African elections.

But on the whole such explanations are unlikely. The confusion probably arises from the fact that the average man sees nothing of his MP between elections — and, during those, as little as he can help, putting out the lights, pulling the curtains and hiding under the table when he calls or, if that fails, setting the dog on him.

This is not because the average British householder has become any less hospitable than he used to be. Inquire about his dahlias or his wife's attack of shingles and he can rabbit on so long that one wishes one had never asked. No, it is simply that politics have grown far too much for him.

It used to be very different in the days when politics just meant putting tuppence on a pint from

time to time, or complaining about the noise at Luton airport. But now all they do go on about strategic equivalence, the Luxemburg Compromise and Sterling M3. As most motorists are under the impression that the M3 goes to Winchester, and nowhere near Scotland, they switch off after a while and return to the greenhouse or painting the back bedroom ceiling.

MPs this time round have resorted to all the old tricks, doing things they wouldn't dream of doing under normal circumstances — like patting an Alsatian on the head, cuddling grubby babies or feeding the ducks in St James's Park. The only kind of duck Mrs Thatcher usually gets anywhere near to is *canard à l'orange* on one of the Minton plates at Number Ten. But last week there she was, striding across the grass with a bagful of breadcrumbs and a flock of photographers.

To understand what it's really all about though, one needs some professional advice. After all, if one has an accountant to sort out one's taxes, a solicitor to manage one's legal affairs, a bank to look after one's money and a doctor to care for one's health, it seems natural to farm out one's political responsibilities in a similar way. Fortunately it's a service which most newspapers provide free of charge — together with showing their readers how to fill in their football coupons and pick the winners at Sandown Park.

My advice is to vote for David Dimbleby. I have to confess that I'm none too sure which party he belongs to. But he looks very clean and presentable in his freshly-pressed shirt and silk tie. And his election broadcasts have been very telling, very telling indeed.

His debate with David Steel the other night was most interesting — all about banging parliaments. There were times when it looked as if Mr Steel might happily have hanged Mr Dimbleby, had he not been speaking on a television link from Edinburgh. But that's the stuff of real politics for you.

So if you want to make things easy for yourself on Thursday, just try popping your head in at the polling station and saying "however..." They'll know what you mean.



Williams, Jenkins: off the train and missing the bus?



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## TAXING BELIEF

It was ever thus. Taxation has always haunted Labour election campaigns. That it has once again done so has an importance far beyond the merits of the conflicting claims of Mr Lawson and Mr Hattersley, or the conflicting claims — much more significant — of Mr Hattersley and Mr Kinnock on the same subject.

This election is to do with a lot more than mere taxation. Labour's defence policy has ensured that it is about national survival, compared with which the issue of who pays what at £500 a week is insulting in its pettiness of spirit. But there is no better subject than taxation with which to start a consideration of Labour's conduct of this campaign because, as well as being topical, it is typical.

Bribery of the voters has long been the Labour Party's way with elections, as surely as it was in previous centuries by those seeking election to the parliaments before the first Reform Act. The Conservatives also bribe the voters, it may be objected. Do they not make one tax cut, and hold out the prospect of another in return for your vote? That is true, and a disagreeable practice it can be. But there is a crucial difference between this and the bribery which Labour goes in for, or for that matter the beer and straight cash offered to the pre-reform electorates long ago. Labour bribes people with their own money.

Offering a tax cut is an offer to let one keep money which is one's own in the first place. The sort of sums inherent in Labour promises on the National Health Service, on pensions, on housing and so on could only be met by eating deep into the earnings of most voters.

Years ago the party used to insist that its welfare programmes could be financed by the rich alone, plus a "planned" economy. An echo of the former is Mr Hattersley's gloriously old-fashioned inciting of the voters to help him pillage the wealth of the Duke of Westminster.

Experience of the 1945-51 Labour Government meant that there came a time when such an appeal no longer worked. This week's contradictions between Mr Kinnock on one side, and Mr Hattersley and Mr Gould on the other, are in a post-1951 Labour tradition. They embody Labour's desperate attempts to satisfy an average voter who wants Labour's generous policies on health, pensions and all the rest of it, but who fears and suspects that he or she will have to pay for them.

Hugh Gaitskell also fought an election in which it became the fashion among the high-minded, anti-Tory middle class to say that win, or lose, he had "won the argument". Then, at Newcastle on September 28th, 1959 — leading a party which had made great play with a promise of higher old age pensions — he gave his disbeliever assurance that there would be "no increase in the standard or other rates of income tax", and by October 8th he was beaten by 100 seats.

By the next campaign in 1964, Labour was claiming that it would all be paid for by "economic growth". Experience of post-1964 Labour Governments has made it impossible for Mr Kinnock to say that and be believed either. With the 1987 campaign a Labour leader has arrived at the position of being disbelieved if he says the taxes will not go up, and voted against if he says they will.

## AN OFFENSIVE ACT BY INDIA

There are signs that the Indian government is trying to damp down its overheated relationship with Sri Lanka following last week's "relief raid" over Jaffna. This should not allow it to escape international condemnation of its action.

Mr Natwar Singh, India's minister of state, went out of his way at a weekend reception to underline Delhi's desire for "friendly, cordial and good-neighbourly" links with Colombo. The incident, he thought, would not damage India's role as mediator in Sri Lanka's four-year war against secessionist Tamil extremists. There were bilateral talks at an official level in Delhi at the weekend, which reflected India's wish to cool things down.

Mr Rajiv Gandhi can now afford to do so. Despite anxiety among the political opposition groups in Delhi, he has won their general support and seems to have the people on his side. Yesterday he launched his campaign to win important forthcoming elections to the Northern Indian state of Haryana. After what has been a difficult year for him so far, a convincing win would do much to silence criticism. For him to demonstrate a firm hand in the conduct of his policy on Sri Lanka can have done his cause no harm at all.

But that cannot justify his action. For India to infringe Sri Lanka's air space was to bully its tiny neighbour, not treat it as a friend. To draw an unlikely parallel, it was as if the United States had showered food on West Belfast while the British army was conducting an operation against the IRA.

How far Sri Lanka's Tamils needed supplies is a question open to debate. It is hard to believe that they needed them quite so badly.

Labour has only itself to blame. It is what happens to politicians who — some from sentimentality such as Mr Kinnock, others from shamelessness such as Mr Hattersley — ruthlessly exploit, for example, a child who is awaiting a hole-in-heart operation. Vote for us, they say, and such waiting lists, and sad children, will be a thing of the past — even though Labour would preside over a "free" health service financed solely from taxation for which service there would therefore be unlimited demand, limited money, and endless waiting lists.

The use of that child symbolizes Labour's campaign. The little boy made a telling image. So did Mr Kinnock, the sea gull, and the ants and uncles in that first election broadcast, which is at present famous, but will end up notorious. Never again will Labour be able to say that they deal in issues rather than personalities. That broadcast was all personalities. Hardly an issue was mentioned.

But the issues exist. It is simply that Mr Gould, the campaign manager, prefers to keep Mr Kinnock away from them. But Mr Kinnock, as he did on the fate of the £500 a week taxpayer, and on the "untenable" nature of any Soviet occupation of Britain, has a tendency to blurt them out as he and most of his party see them.

Those two particular indiscretions of Mr Kinnock's conveniently sum up the two biggest of the issues: how to ensure peace and prosperity. What should Britain's attitude be to the one world power capable of, or likely to, enslave us? How should Britain run its economy?

On the first of those, Mr Kinnock's position is clear. He does not believe that there is a Soviet threat. That is because "threat" is invented by him — and all too many others in and out of his party — with a narrow definition. The Soviet Union is out at present threatening us. Therefore there is no threat. But because our relations with the Soviet Union are stable merely means that the threat is contained — a containment achieved by the tested means of the maintenance of a balance of power against a potential enemy.

Mr Kinnock takes that balance for granted. He does not know that security, as in Aristotle's definition of virtue, is an activity — not a state. If he indulges his — and his party's — fantasies against the United States, he will undermine that state.

Nor does Mr Kinnock understand what brings about the state of prosperity. If more public spending is needed, he had the honesty — at least until Mr Gould and Mr Hattersley pounced on him — to say it must come from taxing people other than "the rich". If more is needed, to cut unemployment, it would be paid for by "temporary" inflation of up to seven per cent. He is oblivious to the effect on incentives and all economic activity of high taxation, inflation, return of privatized firms to the public sector, restoration of secondary picketing, and much else from which the Government has struggled these last eight years to rid the country. These are some of the reasons why Mr Kinnock amounts to a great party election broadcast, and a potentially ruinous prime minister.

There is certainly no evidence to suggest it.

That, however, is almost beside the point. If Delhi wished somehow to help them, it could have done so more effectively by working with the Colombo government, not against it. The latest talks in Delhi, at which further aid was discussed, suggest that co-operation between the two is possible.

By its precipitate action India has alarmed not just the Sri Lankans but all other five nations of the sub-continent. India has more than three times the combined population of the others and dwarfs them militarily and economically.

With 50 million Tamils of its own, India can hardly ignore the Sri Lankan issue. That Tamils on the island have had grievances to the past is indisputable. Nor has the recent violence been one-sided. The Colombo government has made mistakes. But whatever the errors of the past, it is now left with a security problem which is damaging its economy and causing great distress to its people. The ultimate answer will not come only through military conquest. But neither, it appears, will it come without it.

If, in re-establishing control, the government of Sri Lanka should trample on the innocent it deserves condemnation. Should it fail to match military success with political wisdom and reform, then again it should be criticized by its friends. But just now Sri Lanka needs help against the unscrupulous enemy within. If Delhi uses that situation to make political capital for itself, it is falling far short of what any country might expect from a more powerful friend and neighbour.

education and housing functions and the removal of democratic control from areas within the inner cities.

The Labour and Alliance parties both promise a Ministry of Environmental Protection, but only the latter would apparently give it the status of a Cabinet Minister and the responsibility for planning. But wasn't the Department of the Environment set up as a powerful ministry to do just this?

The Labour Party would bring some agricultural and forestry development within the planning system, whilst the Alliance would introduce payments for the upkeep of hedgerows, walls, and footpaths in the country. These

would be useful reforms, but they do not involve a proper change of direction.

Overall the manifestos are a disappointment, but at least they do not contain positive proposals for the further weakening of the planning system, which we have experienced in the recent past. A party which promised to increase the freedom of the householder to have the quiet enjoyment of his/her home may gain more votes than it would expect.

Yours faithfully,  
MICHAEL RAY (President,  
District Planning Officers' Society),  
24 Brangwyn Drive,  
Brighton, East Sussex.

## Durham's views on electors' choice

From Mr Robert Jackson, parliamentary candidate for Wantage (Conservative)

Sir, The Bishop of Durham's cloudy vapourings ("God, bishops and the election", June 5) are interesting mainly because they express very well the errors, confusions, and vanities of the Left in the ethical debate which is an important aspect of this election.

The Bishop's fundamental complaint is against markets — "rampant", "not sustainable" etc. The error here lies in the Bishop's failure to understand that markets are intrinsic to human society in the same way as — say — gravity is to the physical constitution of the universe. Whenever human beings are associated they undertake exchanges for mutual advantage.

Nevertheless, the Bishop is right to insist that man is not obliged to view these processes, and their outcomes, uncritically. The Tory critique of markets is older and intellectually more distinguished than the socialist and fashionably environmentalist denunciations which he affects.

In fact, all parties in Britain share in a substantial consensus in support of those institutions — compulsory provision for income support, health, pensions etc — which bring values to bear upon the otherwise value-free workings of the market place.

These are matters on which reasonable men of goodwill may disagree, and the electorate must decide. It is, however, a damaging mistake to believe, as the Bishop seems to, that markets should (and can) be eliminated "together". The Bishop writes of a "new economics". But there is nothing new about his economics — which are those, essentially, of totalitarianism.

What is wrong with the Bishop's approach — and with Mr Kinnock's ethical pseudo-crusade — is its spiritual pride and lack of charity.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBERT JACKSON,  
New House,  
Southmoor, Oxfordshire.

From Mr F. E. W. Haydon  
Sir, Towards the end of an election campaign fought largely on material issues, it was good to see the

## Jobless figures

From the Director of Charter for Jobs

Sir, We are well used to the abuse of official statistics for political point-scoring. But the war of figures being waged on the crucial issue of policies towards unemployment is swiftly degenerating into cynical farce. If only the care exercised in the article in *The Times* of June 3 by *Wall Street Journal* reporters Peter Norman and Barbara Toman could be emulated by British politicians.

The most distressing aspect of the deterioration in the debate is that most of the running is being made by the Minister actually in charge of the figures, Lord Young. He persistently claims that unemployment is falling in the UK by 25,000 a month, even though he must know that most of the reduction being picked up by the monthly count reflects administrative changes and not the creation of new jobs.

On top of this, he boasts of the addition of a million jobs to the economy since 1983 without mentioning that nearly a third of these are part-time jobs taken by people holding down other jobs as well and another third are part-time jobs mainly dependent on government job programmes. This leaves the number of full-time permanent jobs created since 1983 at only 333,000.

Abetted by a highly selective choice of time periods and countries, misleading statistics have been further used to convey the impression that the UK's economic record is currently among the best in the world. The UK

## Labour in Hendon

From Ms Louise Christian, parliamentary candidate for Hendon South (Labour)

Sir, I read with astonishment the article by Robert Kilroy-Silk on June 2 which portrayed me as a screaming revolutionary. No one who knows me as a loyal and long-standing member of the Labour Party or as an energetic candidate in Hendon South will have been deceived by it. The following points need to be made:

1. The fact that I have acted in a professional capacity as solicitor for Liverpool councillors (or indeed for councillors from various London boroughs) has no relevance to my own political views.
2. The speech I made in 1984, quoted in the article, was about the use of road blocks and bail conditions during the miners' strike to prevent what should have been legitimate peaceful protest. Robert missed out those parts of my speech which made this clear.
3. I joined Robert in being utterly dismayed about the undermining of the law which I witnessed as a representative of miners and their families during the strike. There is no doubt in my mind that whole law-abiding communities were irretrievably alienated from the police and the courts by manifestly unfair treatment.
4. It is important to recognise that from the Tolpuddle Martyrs on wards, people in the labour and trade union movements have found themselves on the wrong side of the law simply for peaceful protest.

## Tactical Voting and the Press

From Mr Eddy Shah

Sir, A number of journalists, having stated that the majority of the electorate do not want Mrs Thatcher returned to power, go on to suggest that the electorate in marginals should now be seriously considering voting tactically.

What they conveniently disregard is that an even greater number of the electorate don't want either Mr Kinnock or the two Davids as the alternative Prime Minister/Prime Ministers.

By their calculations, and given the average poll which gives the Alliance some 21 per cent of the vote, it would appear reasonable that 79 per cent of the electorate don't want the two Davids. That is a lot more than those who don't want either Mrs Thatcher or Mr Kinnock.

And yet voters are urged that at various marginals there should be tactical voting. What would that achieve?

Very little. Because they are asking voters to disregard their beliefs and cast aside their ideals in favour of a minority controlled government. This new situation would mean that the Alliance would always vote with whichever party kept them in power.

To not do that would mean that government would break down and we would have another general election. All this would produce would be an unsettled economy, loss in confidence from within and outside the country, and a return to the old days of smoke-filled rooms where secret deals were made as each party did their utmost to remain in power.

People should vote for what they believe in. Journalists should not suggest they play games with such serious issues.

As the Alliance slip in the polls, it is obvious that their confused policies are not having any effect

Under a Labour government certain parents would continue to have no alternative but to see imposed upon their children a form of education which — whatever the views of the convinced but misled minority of "zealots" — they consider corrupting. Unless and until the Labour Party can produce convincing evidence of their desire, intention and ability to cleanse this particular scourge, there must indeed be a strong moral reason to ensure that they remain out of office, both locally and nationally.

Yours faithfully,  
FRANCIS HAYDON,  
Broadmeads,  
Coronation Road,  
Ascot, Berkshire.

From Mr David C. C. Watson  
Sir, The Bishop of Durham's article seems curiously anomalous. While denying truths which have been revealed, he claims to be God's mouthpiece on matters wherein the will of God has not been revealed — politics and economics.

A sombre illustration, perhaps, of Christ's warning — "If... the light that is in you be darkness, how great is that darkness!"  
Yours sincerely,  
DAVID WATSON,  
31 James Close,  
Stricham,  
Ely, Cambridgeshire,  
June 5.

currently stands at the bottom of an "economic league table" of the seven countries attending the economic summit in Venice, with the highest rate of unemployment and inflation.

Is there nothing we can do to resurrect "traditional values" in the presentation of statistics by the Department of Employment's Ministers?  
Yours faithfully,  
JON SHIELDS, Director,  
Charter for Jobs,  
Suite 107,  
Southbank House,  
Black Prince Road, SE1.

## Secondary picketing

From Lord Esher

Sir, Last night's news of a surge in support for Labour, and of that party's determination to re-legislate secondary picketing (report, June 4), must have cast a chill in many hearts. Secondary picketing is class war: to watch it in action, even on television, is to want to emigrate. What we have to hold against Mrs Thatcher's regime is that it, too, has been provocative — the one thing no government in a mature democracy should ever be.

The only way to stop this fatal see-saw of the haves and have-nots is to support the party of electoral reform, with its guarantee of centrist, pragmatic, non-provocative government. Without this our society, like any structure subjected to violent oscillations, will be in danger of collapse.

Yours faithfully,  
ESHER,  
Christians Common Tower,  
Watlington, Oxford,  
June 4.

The other side of the coin for the Labour Party is that the record of the Conservative Government on law and order is appalling. We want the police to concentrate on the crimes that affect ordinary people, like burglaries, rapes and assaults.

In retrospect, I think I could have expressed myself better in the speech I made three years ago. However, I stand by what I said, and am certain it does not conflict with my deeply held beliefs in democracy and socialism and desire for a Labour government.

Yours faithfully,  
LOUISE CHRISTIAN,  
Hendon South Labour Party,  
7 Sunningfields Road, NW4,  
June 6.

Charities appeal  
From Mr Neil Winship  
Sir, In suggesting that the charities should stage the timing of their appeals, Mr Ashwood (May 27) touched on the individual donor's difficulty in deciding which to support.

Perhaps there is now a need for a "Donor's Digest of Charities", on the lines of Egon Ronay's service to the eater. Besides helping the donor to choose, it might also assist the charities themselves to dispel some of the usually unwarranted allegations of inefficiency and misuse.

Yours faithfully,  
NEIL WINSHIP,  
Foxley,  
Amport, Andover, Hampshire,  
May 28.

## Training areas

From the Director of the Ramblers' Association

Sir, In his recent article (May 19) on military training lands John Young praised the Army for planting many thousands of trees, protecting ancient monuments and conserving rare wildlife species. However, he rightly pointed out that "difficulties persist... about public access".

These difficulties are in fact very serious and probably help to explain why the Army encounters so much resistance when it seeks to acquire new land for training — as it is now doing on a large scale.

An outstanding example is the almost complete lack of public access to the magnificent limestone coast scenery around Linney Head, in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. This land is currently occupied by the Castle-martin training range.

Here, walkers on the Pembrokeshire coast long-distance path are forced to follow a long and tedious inland route along metalled roads. Such a restriction is incompatible with the objectives for which national parks were designated and very dangerous to the Army's attempts to portray itself as a benevolent landowner.

That the Armed Forces need extensive areas for training and that their training must often be carried out in wild and open country is beyond question. But if the Army would only allow much more public access to its land on those days when training is not taking place then it might find itself fighting fewer desperate battles on the public relations front.

Yours sincerely,  
ALAN MATTINGLY, Director,  
The Ramblers' Association,  
1/5 Wandsworth Road, SW8,  
May 22.

## The Ward case

From Mrs A. P. Kettle

Sir, I would like to thank Lord Denning publicly for his letter in Wednesday's *Times* (June 3) regarding the Ward case.

I have always considered the early death in 1965 of my father, Sir Archie Marshall, was due almost entirely to the flak that he experienced both during and after the trial. He was a humane and sensitive man who had a distinguished career at the Bar, and in my opinion it was he who was "murdered" (a word applied to Ward by his defence counsel) by the insinuations fired at him by the likes of Ludovic Kennedy and others.

Yours faithfully,  
A. P. KETTLE,  
Treveague House,  
Foxhole Lane,  
Gorran Haven,  
St Austell,  
Cornwall,  
June 3.

Slugging match  
From Mr Douglas Lowndes  
Sir, My father, who was educated by Quakers at the Friends' School in Lancaster, never swore. But he sometimes deployed Paul Beale's hard plosives consonants and vicious vowels (June 3) at some length and with great venom. He knew he was angry or frustrated when he said, "Dah and plaster your muddy bucket of bricks".

This sentence, of course, lightly conceals five established expletives; and it sounds best when spoken with a Lancashire accent. Yours faithfully,  
DOUGLAS LOWNDES,  
1 Colville Court,  
Great Missenden,  
Buckinghamshire,  
June 3.

ON THIS DAY  
JUNE 9 1831

A deputation carrying an appeal to the Government for Irish famine relief was cordially received by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Marquess of Anglesey, who had given much money from his own purse, but he held out little hope of a favourable official response.

## EXTREME DISTRESS IN CONNAUGHT

"16, Upper Sackville-street, Dublin, June 3.

"My dear Sir, — On Monday last the central committee, for the relief of the distress in Mayo, purchased meat with the 1,400 given for the purpose by the London committee, and distributed it among the distressed districts in proportion to the number of poor in each. Finding that 2½d. worth of meat was all that fell to the share of each person, and seeing no prospect of having further funds placed at our disposal, the committee resolved unanimously to make a last appeal to Government... It appears that great distress prevails in 42 parishes or districts, and that in these there are 148,041 persons now suffering under the agonies of hunger. The members of the deputation further offer themselves for examination on oath before the Privy Council, for from their knowledge of the country, and intercourse with the poor, they are able to bear out the statements made in the parochial returns. I assure you I would not by any language exaggerate the state of distress to which we are now reduced. Those on the sea coast are endeavouring to preserve existence on sea-weed and shell-fish found along the shores. A clergyman, on whose authority I state the fact, told me, that doubting the accuracy of the reports which were brought to him, he visited families at unexpected times, and thus became a witness of the melancholy meal, where a mother, surrounded by her children, picked out the fish from the shell with a pin, exporting the scanty morsels to each in his turn, but too slowly to satisfy the cravings of their hunger. In other parts of the country, the poor are living on nettles and weeds, from which experience has taught them to extract some nourishment, and they pray for a few handfuls of oatmeal to boil up with these plants, to furnish a meal more substantial and nutritious. I can state that a miserable mother, with an infant in her arms, was found attempting to prolong the existence of her family by sharing with each child the nourishment which her breasts afforded. These facts shall be proved on oath before the Privy Council. And shall we then appeal in vain to the humanity of the wealthy to redeem these miserable victims of the grave from a painful and untimely death? A malignant fever has commenced its ravages: two highly respectable Roman Catholic clergymen are already its victims — namely, the Rev. Mr. Prendergast, of Clifton, and the Rev. Mr. Hughes, Crossmolina. The latter gentleman I saw but three weeks ago... Believe me to be, yours very truly and sincerely,  
FRANCIS LYNCH BLOSSE,  
Secretary to the Mayo Relief Committee."











## THE ARTS

## Bottle party

Design has only fairly recently achieved the status of a topic worthy of discussion away from the drawing-board, and much of the responsibility must be laid at the door of the colour supplements with their insatiable craving for pretentious eye-fodder.

Like a seagull picking over jetsam, *Design Classics* (BBC 2) hovers in the wake of this

## TELEVISION

wave. Last night's report on Coca Cola's "contour bottle" dutifully trotted out the usual stuff about its ribbed nodulations having been inspired by the coca bean — and then slithered to an ungainly halt.

What was there to say about its design *qua* design? A clutch of savants, from the sometime Boilerhouse curator Stephen Bayley to an American gentleman identified as a Coca Cola archivist, offered predictably rapid comments. The famous bottle feels good to hold in the hand; it has become a symbol of the power of western capitalism; it is even, according to Mr Bayley, "part of the heraldry of the United States". But why has it been so phenomenally successful? The standard if rather banal answer — for which one needs no certificate in design aesthetics — is that the shape of the bottle discreetly mimics the matronly curves of the pre-flapper feminine ideal, waisted and fulsomely skirted.

It was astonishing that this went unmentioned by the experts here assembled, but rather less surprising that the rest of the programme had to be bulked out with a profile of the product's subsequent history. This was by no means uninteresting, but it did inevitably stray from its brief.

*Horizon* (also BBC2) concerned itself with research into rheumatoid arthritis, a crippling condition which is now thought to be genetically latent and may be triggered by a clever virus which causes the body's immune system to attack itself. These facts could have been presented in half an hour; this being *Horizon* the evidence was stretched out with computer graphics, portentous music and (most redundantly) loving footage of Wells Cathedral, where excavations suggest that medieval monks did not suffer from the disease. So now we know.

Martin Cropper



Robert Lindsay in the lead of *Me and My Girl*, acclaimed as best actor in a musical

## Broadway's salutary mistakes

Sheridan Morley on the significance of Britain's Tony successes

The British are Coming it was Colin Welland's comment when we picked up a few Oscars in California for *Chariots of Fire* back in 1982: on Broadway it would seem that the British have now arrived. Sunday's eight-Tony sweep for *Les Misérables* — including the prize for best musical — and the awards for *Me and My Girl* and even *Starlight Express* are only confirmation of what has been a remarkable musical invasion from this side of the Atlantic.

Those three award-winning shows, all of which are now worth several million dollars than they were on Saturday, plus the long-running *Cats*, now account for

roughly 50 per cent of all Broadway box-office receipts, and are in fact the only four shows for which you have to book several weeks in advance, while three other British productions, the Peter O'Toole *Pygmalion* and the RSC's *Les Liaisons dangereuses* plus a revival of Coward's *Billie*, are all playing to well over 80 per cent capacity.

And this at a time when, back home, the lights went out along Shaftesbury Avenue's non-musical houses, temporarily short of the product which we once seemed to be exporting with such success. So one or two local warning bells should perhaps now be

heard behind the American cheers.

Our Anglophile New York triumph has come at a time when Broadway is in the depths of a depression caused by the same escalating costs, both ticket and backstage, and reliance on musicals now visible in a West End where big-band shows occupy almost half the open theatres. But, over there, the native musicals ran out with *La Cage aux folles* in 1983.

A part from *Cats*, not until the opening of *Me and My Girl* last August did Broadway have the kind of smash hits on which its

economy now depends. This season its three native musicals, *Rags and Smile* and *Into the Light*, all closed with multi-million dollar losses.

Costs have become so prohibitive that a smash hit from London is a better idea than an untried native show. Over the next few months *Chess* and *Phantom of the Opera* and maybe, in a final carriage of coals to Newcastle, the RSC's *Kiss Me Kate* and Leicester's *High Society* will all find it easier to raise New York investment than Sondheim's *Into the Woods*, which has achieved respectful reviews in California but has yet to prove itself as a commercial

success in any other places. Not all our best musicals are exportable blockbusters; and, if we are now in sole charge of what was once the great American theatrical form, it is clearly right to be sending over a classic like *Les Misérables* or a nostalgic treat like *Me and My Girl*, for which Robert Lindsay has now been chosen as best actor in a musical.

But would we really rather have picked up Tony awards for *Starlight Express* than for, say, *Blood Brothers* or *The Hired Man*? If we are merely shipping special effects across the Atlantic because it is cheaper and

easier to build them here, then we may as well send them the hologram of Laurence Olivier from *Time* and admit that the spectacle is now more important than the thought.

And that is precisely where Broadway went wrong: plays got squeezed out, new musicals got too big and too mindless to attract anything but a notoriously fickle tourist audience, while the revivals simply ran out because practically everything worth reviving had been revived.

This is the context in which we should be thinking hard about the demands of a properly mixed West End economy, and should ensure that it does not consist solely of long-run musical hits and short-run dramatic flops.

## Revelation of sculpture in its natural habitat

## GALLERIES

John Russell Taylor reviews four shows which help answer the Henry Moore enigma

Whatever fluctuations there may have been or be in prospect for his posthumous reputation, there can remain no possible doubt that Henry Moore remains a giant in 20th-century art. The question, to which we are unlikely to have any certain answer for some years yet, is on what, exactly, we base this judgement. The rash of shows which has suddenly appeared in the last month might possibly move us a little nearer a solution.

In this respect, the large show Henry Moore and Landscape, at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park until August 31, is far and away the most revealing. Recently I was looking at the 1946 *Catalogue raisonné*, which now takes its place as the first volume of five, and reflecting glumly that almost all the Moore I thought absolutely first-rate appeared in it — which would seem to suggest that 1946 was followed by a 40-year decline. The main thing which marked off this earlier work from the later was that almost all of it was carved, while the vast majority of the later pieces were modelled and cast. Could it be that Moore was always more deeply involved in carving, heart as well as (obviously) hand? Undoubtedly many of the later bronzes were the subject of something more like factory production, and even the later carvings, like the large *Reclining Figure: Bone Skirt* of 1978 in the Fischer Fine Art Homage to Henry Moore (until July 10), tend to seem inflated and perfunctory.

But the Yorkshire show makes one think again. It consists entirely

of modelled, and so later, work — cast mostly in bronze, though there are three pieces which appear in fibreglass form. One or two pieces, such as the quite uncharacteristic *Reclining Figure No 1* of 1959 (it is very unusual for Moore not to sculpt completely in the round), have seldom or never been exhibited, but most are familiar. And yet the fact that they are shown for once in the open air, and against grass and foliage, does prove revelatory. Moore frequently said that this was how he conceived them and saw them in his mind's eye, but it is very revealing to observe how different they look and feel in the (relative) wild rather than in a gallery context.

Ironically, the show's organizers were unable to borrow some sculptures they wanted because conservators balked at the idea of their being shown in the open. Yet one can recognize at once not only how much strength the work draws from natural surroundings but how clearly it was conceived for just this sort of presentation, intensely conscious of how rain-water is going to run off it, how wind and weather are going to streak and discolour it and how the effects of the seasons on

nearby foliage are bound to affect the work itself, by revealing or withholding different parts at different times. One cannot praise too highly the care and consideration for all these only half-ponderables that have gone into the arrangement of the show, the exact placing of each piece in relation to the others, to the vegetation and to the rise and fall of the ground. If ever one is going to see Moore consistently to maximum advantage, it is here.

What Moore needs above all, then, is space. One often finds, too, that established ideas about size and scale prove totally erroneous. *King and Queen*, for instance, is much smaller than one ever imagines it; other works, like the *Three-Piece Reclining Figure* of 1975, are much larger. But being able to move freely all round the pieces, pull back for a distant view or move right in close, and sometimes even be able to see one through another, does increase regard for Moore's formal inventiveness, even to the last.

Also, taken in conjunction with Fischer's *Homage to Henry Moore* and Marlborough Fine Art's *Tribute to Henry Moore* (until June 26), it does make one suspect that Moore was probably an artist who really needed to work large: a lot of the tiny maquettes he produced towards the end of his life seem somehow lacking in detailed invention and, if this was all the information his assistants were working from to produce the much larger versions, it is not surprising that they end up a bit featureless, needing the personal touch over the



Moore's *King and Queen* (1952-53), forcing revision of established ideas

whole surface that so enlivens works like the *Draped Reclining Figure* of 1952-53.

The Marlborough show also has some of Moore's finest drawings, dating mostly from the Forties, and at Lumley Caxton until July 10 there is a comprehensive selection of his graphics, many of them

superb and only a few of the lithographs looking like superior photographic reproductions. The works on paper are impressive enough to make us forget that they were often no more than clips from the workbench; many another artist would have made a major reputation on them alone.

## GERMAN FESTIVAL

Berlin Radio SO/Stein Festival Hall

The latest instalment in the Festival of German Arts brought us to the heart of the matter. Seven massive orchestral pieces from *Parsifal*, followed by the usual extractions from *Götterdämmerung*, were played by the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra under that seasoned Wagnerian Horst Stein.

It seems that concert performances of "bleeding chunks", indeed of whole operas, are coming back into fashion. Perhaps conductors are growing tired of providing sonic backdrops for whimsical stagings. One advantage of hearing opera in concert is that instrumental detail, usually muffled by the dark recesses of an orchestral pit, emerges so clearly: indeed the orchestral tutti can overwhelm as it never could in the opera house.

The Berlin RSO generally impressed more when delivering these weighty tutti than when delineating the details. Titurel's funeral procession in *Parsifal*, for instance, was given a rich, broad nobility — unforced yet powerful — and the same spirit, more spectacularly pitched, also pervaded the *Götterdämmerung* Funeral Music.

But earlier in the *Parsifal* Prelude, the chording was sometimes tentative, and woodwind soloists occasionally failed to project important lines with authority. The string sound was admirably responsive to Stein's dynamic shading, yet the violins did not quite have the tonal bloom to turn the aspiring ascents of the "Dresden Amen" into entirely sublime experiences.

Stein, though, is a trusty guide through Wagner: a man of moderation, tender without a trace of sentimentality in the Good Friday Music; agitated but never scrambling through Klingsor's turbulent appearances. Only at the end of Siegfried's Rhine Journey was he unconvincing: one missed any feeling of darkness and treachery closing in here.

Brünnhilde's Immolation was sung by Gabriele Schnaut, whose Bayreuth pedigree led one to expect more than she delivered. She can certainly supply the necessary decibels (at least in her hard-edged upper register), but more of them should be unleashed at exactly the prescribed pitch.

Jeremy Kingston

Richard Morrison

## ROCK

Suzanne Vega  
Regent's Park

success achieved with her first album (and such songs as "Smile Blue Thing" and "Marlena on the Wall"), but for these two recitals she returned to her roots and faced not merely the audience

but also the fluting of a blackbird and the roar of passing Boeings alone with her guitar.

A gamine almost-beauty in a zipped-up leather jacket and black jeans, her dark blonde hair half-caught in a pony-tail by something pink, she looked like a Degas ballet student got up in Lou Reed's street-punk costume. This fetching paradoxical combination was echoed when she put her cool voice, which 20-odd years ago would have been perfect for the wistful elegance of the bossa nova, to work on songs about emotional intensity and interior violence, such as "Straight Lines" and "Wooden Horse".

Dividing her repertoire between the folksy simplicity of pieces written in adolescence ("Gypsy", "Daniella", "Silver Lady") and the considerable sophistication of more recent material ("Luka", "Solitude Standing"), she revealed not only a handy guitar technique but evidence of the kind of artistic development that could lead her anywhere in the next 10 years. For now, though, she devised a memorable evening. Not half a mile from the metal thunder of Maryland Road, I swear I could smell the woodsmoke.

Richard Williams

## Rugged beauty

ALMEIDA FESTIVAL

Arditti Quartet  
Union Chapel

The Arditti Quartet's performance of Elliott Carter's Fourth String Quartet, the first in Europe, was one of two major coups secured by this year's Almeida Festival (the other is the British premiere of Ligeti's Piano Concerto, to be heard a fortnight hence). Accordingly a conspicuously distinguished audience turned out to hear it, to begin trying to penetrate its complexities, and to be thrilled by the sheer intensity, rugged beauty and arresting immediacy of Carter's invention.

Following the train of thought manifest in the Triple Duo and the Third Quartet, which is really a double duo — and which, moreover, was given a magnificent reading earlier in the concert — the Fourth Quartet is intended to be a quadruple solo, each player being given music

which possesses its own identity.

Such a premise, however, is countered here by the weight of sheer tradition. There is at the very least a sense of spiritual collaboration, as if the imposition by the composer of a contradictory technique is necessary to achieve a certain kind of unity. The influence of classical models is further evidenced in the conventional four-movement plan, less subliminal perhaps than the composer's note suggested.

This was a gritty account, given in Carter's presence, of what is clearly an important new piece. The Arditti's assurance, though, will grow even stronger and our appreciation deeper with repeat performances. Let us hope that we get them.

On the other hand, one does not perhaps need to hear John Cage's String Quartet in Four Parts (1950) too often to appreciate its surprisingly fragrant poetry, for it is the converse of Carter's piece, simple and actually in one part, though it has four movements, each devoted to a season.

Even when all the instruments sound simultaneously, only one event happens at any given moment. The Arditti subtly balanced every such event to perfection.

Stephen Pettitt

## THEATRE IN WALES

In These Great Times  
St Stephen's Theatre  
Space, Cardiff

Satire was redefined in the Sixties to mean poking fun at Harold Macmillan, and there is no evidence that it has since recovered the one quality it needs to be itself, blistering fury at the monstrous behaviour of the world.

The Viennese journalist Karl Kraus, possessing this fury in abundance, was never short of a target in the last years of the Habsburgs and the squalid times that followed. Only when the Great War broke out was he shocked into silence, and months passed before he took up pen again to write the withering essay from which Geoff Moore's show takes its title.

Among the black-painted Gothic Revival columns of a former church, home to the Moving Being company, Moore has installed the Café Wien. The audience sit at tables spread with crisp white cloths, and waiters dressed likewise bring coffee, wine and appetizers. Behind one of the screen walls a string quartet starts playing a waltz, and sure enough, we are in the City of Dreams watching episodes of *Anatol* run through at a nearby

table. Erotic Klimts and Schieles are projected on to the screens and four dancers envelop themselves with a degree of languorous grace inside a robe of flowers.

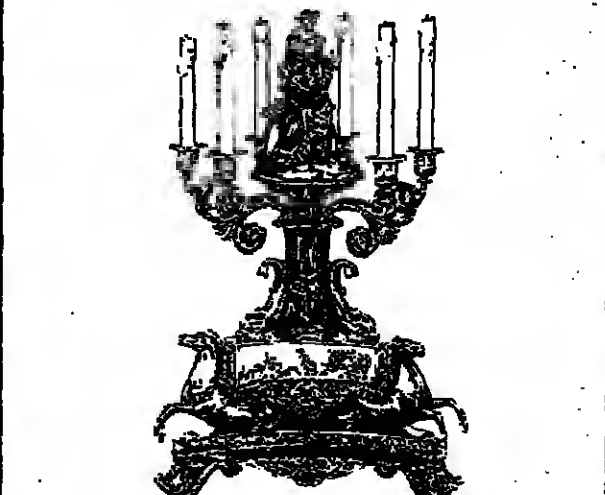
Moore sets out to bring us a kaleidoscopic pattern of a world where the cream is fresh but the civilization rotten. He fails to juxtapose his texts with the necessary art.

The eye is charmed by the best of his visual pieces, such as the great transparent globe from which paper shapes of humans are blown out by a wind machine. But the scraps of Freudian analysis — "You must try to remember, Cecile" — come across like a Hollywood biopic pressed for time, while the reading of texts, however relevant, is dramatically inert.

The closing speech is decried by a young girl armed with the *Socialist Worker*. But I suspect it was Moore's unconscious that matched the colours of her jacket, red, white and black, with those of the armbands seen earlier on Nazis burning books.

Jeremy Kingston

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## FASHION by Liz Smith

## Frill to the frockette

For midsummer evening glamour, this season you need a 'frockette' — in short frou-frous of net or taffeta, in drifts of ballerina-length chiffon, these are dresses made for dancing

The short dress is having the time of its life. Boogieing at the liveliest balls, glimpsed at the grandest soirées, it is the tiniest confection of taffeta, lace or tulle that is taking the floor and stealing the limelight.

Maybe it is economic necessity that has caused a change in response to today's black tie invitations. More possibly it is simply the flirtatious mood in fashion. Whatever the excuse, the way to dress up this summer is in a frivolous little frock. There seems no limit to the glamour and frou-frou that can be lavished on a frock that stretches merely from cleavage to thigh. Not since the 1950s have designers used so many yards of taffeta and net to indulge their zaniest ideas and produce the line-up of wearable little dresses in every price range. They are being snapped up and worn at grand gals and intimate dinner parties alike.

Christian Lacroix, the Paris designer who put fresh exuberance back into couture while at Patou, is credited with introducing the pouffe, otherwise known as the puffball, into the grandest parties. In his summer couture line Yves Saint Laurent raised hemlines for night to micromini heights, with chic little black lace dresses finishing in tiers of ruffles.

Investing in a long dress is fine for those who can afford ripples of Zandra Rhodes silk chiffon or a sliver of crushed panne velvet à la Fortuny. That sort of grand dress is a work of art, neither in nor out of fashion, and it is left to the floor-sweeping numbers sculpted in duchesse satin to make their grand entrance at tiara-and-white-tie occasions. But for midsummer parties and Commem balls, for all the various evening celebrations of the season, all you need is a "frockette".

Inspired by dance, the frockette is a tutu of net

anchored on to a tightly swathed top. It is a ballerina-length drift of chiffon to whip about in a frenzy of exuberant rhythm. It might be a Latin-American rumba number, rushed to the thigh and flounced out from there, or a flamenco whirl of net tamed by an elongated, boned top. What it lacks in length it makes up for in the width of its flare and frou-frou. To step into one is to feel an urge to kick up one's heels and dance. And many of you must be doing just that, judging by the way short evening dresses are selling in the stores.

According to Erica Kernot, buyer for the International Room in Harrods, women are buying what she calls "the frockette" even for grand balls. "The short, neat little dress in an elegant fabric can be bought quite reasonably, and it's fun." In Harrods "reasonably" means about £200 up to £700, but in House of Fraser stores best-selling flamenco ruffles and pretty puffballs start at about £60. A silk dupion dance dress by Judy Mott, either very short or ballerina length, is £275.

Harvey Nichols's fashion-conscious customers have all but exhausted its stocks of short, flouncy dance dresses. Pretty, full-skirted, off-the-shoulder frocks by Lorcan Mullany and Victor Costa are priced at about £250.

Shoppers at Selfridges realize that they will get more wear out of the practical short dress. Ankle-length numbers are not so much in demand, according to Deirdre Fontaine, the Designer Room buyer at Selfridges. "The short three-tiered dress on a cami-sole top is the most popular," she says. Here softer, slightly longer pouffe-skirted dresses, as well as the ultra-short, by Roots or Bernshaw, are priced at £150 or £165.

Next has a more romantic interpretation of the dance dress, with ballerina-length

strapless dresses in floaty chiffon, like the spotted frock pictured here. Laura Ashley has colourful net and cotton petticoats, supposedly to froth out its chintzy strapless sundresses and flowery frocks, but which make flirtatious and perfectly decent flouncy skirts on their own, worn with a pretty bustier, like the Arabella Pollen ottoman top shown here.

At the other end of the market, such are the high jinks clients get up to in their tulle frou-frous that frocks regularly get bundled back to designer ateliers to repair the ravages of the dance floor. Designers such as David Sassoon at Bellville Sassoon, Jacques Azagury and Tatters put their liveliest ideas into frothy skirts dropped on to the simplest of tops, boned and strapless or off-the-shoulder. Bruce Oldfield's top seller is a simple stunner that plunges to a cunning twist at the waist and drapes from there to just above the knee. In scarlet silky jersey it costs £260 (not bad for an Oldfield creation) and is available from 27 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Harrods in Knightsbridge or the Five-ways in Birmingham.

If you really don't want to commit yourself to buying for the big occasion, there is a growing number of shops that hire out designer dance dresses for the night. Some of them are listed on the left.

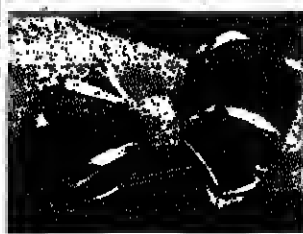
Right: Black lace and ice pink taffeta dress, £450, ready-to-wear or to order in silk jacquard, Tatters, 74 Fulham Road, SW3. Gloves, from £18-£28, Gallery of Antique Costume & Textiles, 2 Church Street, NW8. Ice pink satin dancing shoes, £35.95, Gamba, 3 Garrick Street, WC2

Above: Turquoise tulle and cotton petticoat, £29.95, Laura Ashley branches. Black ottoman bustier, £53, Arabella Pollen from The Changing Room, Chiltern Street, W1; Jacquie, 7 Beauchamp Place, SW3. Jewellery from Butler & Wilson, 20 South Molton Street, W1; 189 Fulham Road, SW3. Gloves, from £18, Gallery of Antique Costume & Textiles. Black grosgrain shoes, £35, Basic from Way in, Harrods, SW1. Make-up by Leanne Hirsch Hair by Tony Collins for Pierre Alexandre

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## PEOPLE

## 24-carat bid



Alain Boucheron: leopardwood and diamond brooch, £4,425

Behind the security grilles of the headquarters of the top jewellers in the Place Vendôme in Paris, and in their plush Bond Street shops, a tussle for power is threatening to rock the many-faceted jewellery business to its roots. The fortunes of Chaumet, the "grand luxe" Parisian jewellers founded in 1780, are at stake. Bidding for them are three suitors. One, a Saudi Arabian investor, has no background in the jewellery business. Another is the American jewellery house Tiffany, and the third, and favourite, is the family firm Boucheron, whose London shop is two doors away from Chaumet in Bond Street.

Founded in 1858 by Frederic Boucheron, the firm is today steered by his great-grandson, Alain Boucheron, who has teamed up with Hermès to make a joint offer to buy Chaumet for £40 million. Boucheron is confident of an upturn in the jewellery trade, indicated by prices paid in recent sales, such as the Windsor auction in April.

"Women are more interested in jewellery than ever," says Boucheron. "Once they acquire the taste to wear it, they want to wear the real thing." Wearing a simple pair of cufflinks (in ribbed leopardwood, from Boucheron's latest line, one studded with a ruby, the other with an emerald), Boucheron pulled out of his pocket the only other "jewellery" he carries: a yellow and white gold pen and matchbox. PS: Further plans include the launch of a Boucheron scent in October 1988.

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Just for the Night: Labels include Frank Usher. Hire £35; deposit £80. 3 Townsend Avenue, St Albans (0727 40759).  
One Night Stand: Dress hire £50-£65, petticoats £15; deposit £100. 44 Pimlico Road, London SW1 (01-730 8708); 148 Regents Park Road, London NW1 (01-586 2123).  
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## LONDON

★ **BREAKING THE CODE:** Pivotal performance by Derek Jacobi as the enigmatic Alan Turing, wartime computer genius and homosexual. Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 8832). Tue, Piccadilly, Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, 24-11.30, until June 13.

★ **DESIRE UNDER THE ELMS:** O'Neill's drama of violent passion set in New England farm involving father, young woman and son. Greenwich Theatre, Greenwich, SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.30pm, Sun 2-5.30pm, Fri, Sat 7.45-9.30pm, until June 13.

★ **HAMLET:** Ingrid Bergman's acclaimed production from the Royal Dramatic Theatre of Stockholm, for two performances only. Performed in Swedish. National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (01-828 2252). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, Sun 2.30pm, until June 15 6.45-10.30pm, 24-25.50.

★ **KISS ME KATE:** After its national tour the RSC production is now in town with Paul Jones and Nicola McAuliffe. Old Vic Theatre, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-858 2175). Tue, Waterloo, 7.10pm, 24-25.50.

★ **MACBETH:** Adrian Noble's imaginative production from Stratford, 84, Jonathan Pryce as the title role. Barbican Theatre, Barbican, London EC2 (01-828 8795). Tue, Barbican/Moorgate, tonight at 7.30-5.50pm, 24-25.50.

★ **ROSENCRANTZ AND GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD:** TV's Olivier Boy and G. with Lionel Blair as the Player King. A Nottingham Playhouse production. Piccadilly Theatre, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-477 4366). Mon-Fri 8-10pm, 24-25.50.

★ **THREE SISTERS:** Elijah Moshinsky's praised production transfers from Greenwich. Albany Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3878). Tue, Lancaster Square, Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, 24-25.50, Fri and Sat 7.30-9.30pm, 24-25.50.

★ **WOLFE:** Cuban play grumbling about politics and the lot of women, transfers to London after mixed reviews last year at Stratford. Barbican Theatre, Barbican, EC2 (01-828 8795). Tue, Barbican/Moorgate, St Paul's, 24-25.50.

★ **LONG RUNNERS:** The Business of Murder. Mayfair Theatre (01-628 3030). ★ **Cat on a Hot Tin Roof:** (01-405 0072). ★ **Chances:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951). ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal.

## TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

- (1) Holst: The Planets, BPO/Karajan Deutsche Grammophon
- (2) Mozart: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, VPO/BPO/Decca
- (3) Luciano Pavarotti: The Collection, DG
- (4) Wagner: Selection, LSO/Tuckwell
- (5) Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2, Ashkenazy/LSO/Decca
- (6) Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade, BPO/Karajan
- (7) Beethoven: Symphony 9, BPO/Karajan
- (8) Tchaikovsky: Ballet Suites, VPO/Karajan
- (9) Holst: The Planets, MSO/Dutot
- (10) Beethoven: Symphonies 4, 5, 6, BPO/Karajan
- (11) Holst: The Planets, VPO/Karajan
- (12) Saint-Saëns: Symphony 3, CSO/Decca
- (13) Elgar: Cello Concerto, Lloyd Webber/RPO/Menthuin
- (14) Strauss: An Evening of Strauss, LSO/Decca
- (15) Verdi: The Four Seasons, AAM/Hogwood
- (16) Mozart: Symphony 40 & 41, Abbado/LSO
- (17) Bach: Brandenburg Concertos 4, 5 & 6, ECO/Leppard
- (18) Stravinsky: 2, BSO/Davis
- (19) Stravinsky: 3, BSO/Davis
- (20) Liszt: Music for the Royal Fireworks, ECO/Leppard

Source: Music Week Research

## OUT OF TOWN

CANTERBURY: ★ **Knecht David:** Here's fast-moving private-eye thriller, with Brian Capron, Joanna Cole and Ernest Clark. Marlowe Theatre, The Friars, Canterbury (0227 67248). Tue-Thurs 7.30pm, 24-25.50, Mon two for the price of one, Fri 5pm, Sat 2.30.

CARDIFF: ★ **In These Great Times:** Multi-media show based on the work of the Welsh writer Karl Jenkins. Mon-Sat 8pm, 24-25.50, Sun 15 6.45-10.30pm, 24-25.50.

COVENTRY: ★ **Made in Bangkok:** Anthony Minghella's eye-opening drama of the effects of colonialism on a young man. Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, 24-25.50, Fri and Sat 8.30pm, 24-25.50.

MANCHESTER: ★ **Anthony and Cleopatra:** Shakespearean love and glory from an admirable company. Contact Theatre, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-274 4400). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, 24-25.50.

RICHMOND: ★ **Sleight of Hand:** Peter Barker's moving, one-man show, using the poet's own words. Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green (01-940 0988). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, 24-25.50, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 24-25.50.

STRAITFORD: ★ **Hyde Park:** Courtship comedy by James Shirley. Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0783 256223). Tue-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, 24-25.50.

Also on national release: ★ **Advance booking possible:** BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS (15): Neil Simon's autobiographical comedy. ★ **Canterbury:** Peter Barker's moving, one-man show, using the poet's own words. Richmond Theatre, Richmond Green (01-940 0988). Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.15pm, 24-25.50, Sun 2.30-5.30pm, 24-25.50.

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## LUNCHTIME

★ **BRODY SONGS:** The tenor Robert Brody sings Carmina, Handel, Quilter, Bridge and others, and Howard Youngman conducts. Cannon Price Chorus (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 3.45, 6.10, 8.15, 10.40.

★ **THE LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS:** A musical story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II. With Rick Morante, Ellen Greene and many more. Cannon Price Chorus (01-437 8181). Progs 1.50, 3.45, 6.10, 8.15, 10.40.

★ **THE MORNING AFTER (15):** Unlikely thriller from Sidney Lumet, with Jane Fonda running away from a dead body into the arms of a doctor. Odeon Leicester Square (01-630 8111). Progs 12.15, 2.45, 5.15, 8.15, 10.40.

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## EVENING

★ **ZUKERMAN/MINTZ:** Pinchas Zukerman and Shlomo Mintz solo in Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante K 364. Mintz solos, on violin, in Beethoven's Violin Concerto, and Zukerman conducts the RPO in all these pieces. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SW1 (01-836 8800). Progs 7.30-9.30pm, 24-25.50.

★ **ALL LIGHT:** Louise Sidorow makes her UK debut with piano, with a programme of music by Ligeti that ranges from his Polyphonic Etude of 1943 to the Six Etudes of 1985. Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-352 4404). 7.30pm, 24.

★ **MAJIN NIELSEN:** Something of a Nielsen specialist, Nina Miller performs his Suite Op 45, Piano Pieces Op 38 and 58 as well as Beethoven's Sonata Op 110 and Chopin's Fantasy Op 17. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-636 2141). 7.30pm, 24-25.50.

★ **JACK GIBSON:** The pianist offers four Bach Preludes and Fugues, and the 11th and 24th of Chopin's Preludes Op 28. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1081). 7.30pm, 24-25.50.

★ **LONTANO LIASONS:** The Lontano Ensemble gives the UK premiere of Toru Takemitsu's 'Shadows of the Mountains' to Shostakovich's 'Shoulder to Shoulder', as well as playing Couleurs de la Vie Concerto by Shostakovich. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3131). 7.30pm, 24-25.50.

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## OPERA

★ **LA BOHÈME:** See caption. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1080). 7.30-10.30pm, 24-25.50.

★ **CARMEN:** Revival of David Pountney's 1984 production, now conducted by Graham Jenkins. Glyndebourne, Leveas, East Sussex (0273 541111). 5.15-10pm, 24-25.50.

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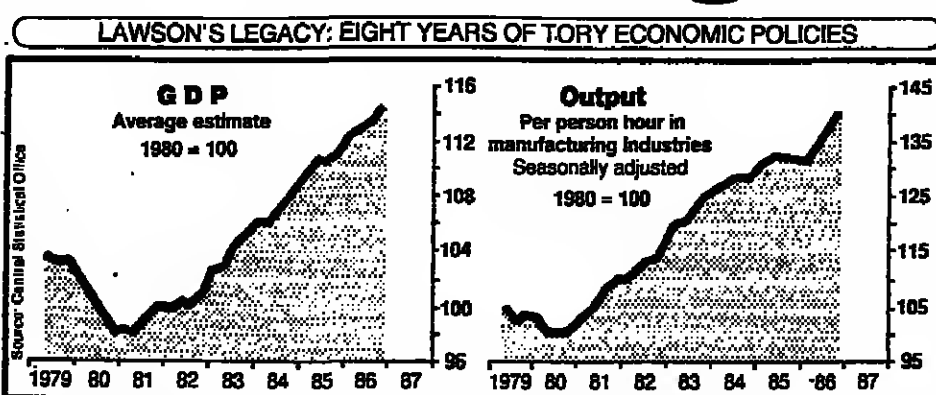
# Lawson's real achievements — and some that got away

From David Smith, Venice  
The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, has emerged as an unlikely success in a lacklustre Tory election campaign. His confidence, clearly arising from the belief that the Conservatives have nothing to be ashamed of in their management of the economy over the past four years, stands him in good stead for the future. It was not always so.

The Lawson Chancellorship, while always interesting, has also had its ups and downs. In the January 1986 election, the economy appeared to be stagnating and at the same time heading for a sizeable balance of payments deficit. But it has come right. Mr Lawson can claim, with justification, that Britain is the fastest growing of the leading economies. The improvement in productivity and the consequent slowdown in unit labour costs have meant that the competitive gains from sterling's devaluation have, so far at least, been preserved.

Mr Lawson was appointed Chancellor immediately after the June 1983 election. His first act was an emergency package of spending cuts of £500 million, which hardly endeared him to his Cabinet colleagues. His *coup de foudre* came nine months later. It is generally agreed that Mr Lawson's first Budget was a very good start. It included a far-reaching reform of the corporate tax system, designed to replace an unwieldy collection of allowances and reliefs with something that everyone understands — lower rates. His thunder was partly stolen by a detailed pre-Budget leak, two weeks before the event, but the impression still remained of a reforming Chancellor who was going to cut a swathe through the tax system.

The phased reduction in corporation tax from 52 per cent in 1983/84 to 35 per cent in the current financial year



was a bold and logical move, when combined with the phasing out of capital allowances and the abolition of the relief on stock appreciation introduced during the high inflation 1970s.

"The current rates of corporation tax are far too high, penalizing profit and success and blunting the cutting edge of enterprise," Mr Lawson said. "They are the product of too many special reliefs, indiscriminately applied and of diminishing relevance to the conditions of today."

In March 1984, the Chancellor promised major reform of personal taxation to follow his re-jigging of corporate taxation. More than three years on, we are still waiting for that reform. The manifesto promises are very vague.

In comparison with changes in company taxation, he found that he soon ran up against powerful and vocal opposition after his broad hint that personal tax reliefs were to be reduced. The pensions industry quickly rallied support in favour of the retention of its fiscal privileges, while suggestions that the value added tax net was to be widened also threatened considerable political damage.

In the case of pensions, Mr Lawson left them untouched, while a very modest extension of the VAT base was coupled with the promise that there would be no further moves on

that front for the lifetime of the Parliament.

Mr Lawson's personal tax reform is the dog that did not bark. The Green Paper of March 1986, proposing a system of transferable allowances to take effect in the 1990s, was hardly a substitute for firm action. He suffered in 1985 because two sterling crises — in July 1984 and January 1985 — affected his ability to carry the Cabinet with him on tax reform, and limited his room for manoeuvre on the Budget.

Just as the 1984/85 sterling crisis had hit the Chancellor's 1985 Budget plans, so the collapse in oil prices over the winter of 1985/86 left Government revenues looking vulnerable at the time of the March 1986 Budget. But, as it turned out, the Budget was a far more cautious affair than it need have been.

The main surprise was the Chancellor's rediscovery of an old and apparently forgotten friend — cuts in the basic rate of income tax. A reduction from 30p to 29p in the pound last year was followed by a cut to 27p last March. The manifesto promises a further reduction, to 25p in the pound.

The Chancellor's fiscal policy has been notable for a belated discovery of the virtues both of cutting tax rates and increasing public spending. Last November's autumn statement changed the self-imposed rules on public spending. The Government

had moved away from trying to reduce spending, or even from attempting to hold it constant in real terms. The easier target of cutting public spending as a proportion of gross domestic product was brought in.

He has also established, although for how long no one can be sure, the nearest thing to nirvana in the City on government borrowing — a public sector borrowing requirement equivalent to 1 per cent of gross domestic product.

The privatization programme has pushed on, with a success that could hardly have been imagined four years ago. On monetary policy, Mr Lawson has pursued a highly flexible line which has allowed both the effective abandonment of monetary targeting and a sizeable but necessary sterling devaluation.

Undoubtedly he has been lucky, with the world economy in a non-inflationary phase, and the unexpected non-oil revenue bonanza that followed the fall in world oil prices. But it has not all been luck. And if, come Friday, Mr Lawson loses his tenancy of No 11 Downing Street, one should look for scapegoats elsewhere.

In 1984, basic personal allowances were raised by 12 per cent against the 5 per cent needed to keep pace with inflation. This was repeated in 1985, when allowances were raised by 10 per cent, against

an indexation requirement of just over 4.5 per cent. The investment income surcharge was abolished.

In 1985 two characteristic Lawson elements were present: the imaginative rabbit out of the hat and the tax abolition, in this case development contributions were restructured, with a new starting rate of 5 per cent on incomes of £35.50 a week, rising to the full 10.45 per cent, on incomes above £130 a week. The upper ceiling on employers' national insurance contributions was removed, consistent with an aim of encouraging firms to employ more lower-paid people, and a more general objective of reducing unemployment.

Popular capitalism carried along by the privatization programme was given an additional boost by the scheme to introduce personal equity plans (PEPs), allowing tax-free equity investment for individuals. New moves to encourage charitable giving, the restructuring of capital transfer tax into a reformed inheritance tax, and an indefinite extension of the Business Expansion Scheme were all present. Stamp duty was halved, from 1 to ½ per cent, with little revenue loss because of higher Stock Exchange turnover after Big Bang. Capital transfer tax was restructured but not removed.

In his four Budgets, Mr Lawson has shown plenty of imagination, and a gift for coming up with new ideas. He was the chief advocate of the Government's Medium Term Financial Strategy, which has had a significant role in bringing down the rate of inflation, arguably Mrs Thatcher's greatest achievement. In taxation, the new corporation tax still stands as his most durable reform. His other best-aid plans have been thrown off course by the vagaries of politics and the financial markets.

## COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Accountants take the tax high ground

It was fitting that the Chancellor of the Exchequer should commit time on the eve of his appearance in Venice, and three days before polling, to accountants. In terms of votes, accountants may not be significant but their services are. Whatever Thursday's result, they will be in demand, particularly in the areas of taxation and corporate planning. Roy Hattersley's and Labour's taxation proposals, lacking in detail and imperfectly understood though they may be, have cast baleful shadows before them.

The great majority of genuinely wealthy private individuals will have made prudent dispositions against the unthinkable; a minority will have left it late. Among companies, immediate concerns would be exchange controls, the fate of sterling and the course of interest rates.

One of the most remarkable developments since Mrs Thatcher came to office in 1979 is the widening international horizons of UK companies. It is not just the big companies which see their future in rapidly growing overseas markets, where they wish to export or to invest. Under a third Thatcher Government, this trend would continue, propelled not least by the final push to make the European Community a genuine Common Market in the early 1990s. Under a Kinnock Government, the trend might continue but the motives would be different: the avenue would become a tunnel.

The accountants, of course, do not have all the answers, to Mr Hattersley or to anything else, though if they are good they know the techniques. They have had the wit and the energy to build on their solid and protected base of auditing an array of services that meets the needs of the time. Taxation, financial planning, management consultancy, computer services, corporate finance are accountants' new dynamics. The leading firms of chartered accountants have made large and profitable inroads in areas previously reserved for solicitors, management consultants and merchant bankers. Their overseas connections together with their continuing awareness of their clients' businesses gives them an enormous competitive advantage with British companies, whether they are familiar themselves with foreign ground or starting out to explore it. The same is true nearer home when companies are involved in capital raising, takeovers and mergers and market flotations.

The logic of the spectrum of services now available from the major firms is the financial conglomerate clustered around an accounting firm. The first big step would be a merging of accountants and solicitors, a problem with which the Law Society is now heavily occupied and to which it will give a positive answer when it is clear

how best to preserve the solicitors' self-interest in the new structures.

A second approach to the new conglomerates may come from the opposite direction. Management consultancy, where the world's biggest accountancy firm, Arthur Andersen, has pole position, figures large in the Saatchi & Saatchi global service group strategy. Having already lured Victor Miller from Andersen, speculation that Saatchi might bid for an accountancy firm is hardly surprising.

### A play on provisions

Since Citicorp made its bold move in providing a cool \$3 billion (£1.84 billion) against Third World debt last month, the question of whether the British clearers should or would follow suit has hung in the air. The experts seem agreed that they should.

There has been a nagging fear in the stock market that the banks could not cope with a large default if one materialized. Analysts are now eager to see that position rectified, at least partially, by urging the banks to match Citicorp's loan loss provisions of 25 per cent of problem debt.

As one stockbroker put it yesterday: "If they don't do a Citicorp, no one will believe their reserves."

Such large one-off provisions would hit profits hard — particularly those of Lloyds and Midland, the most heavily exposed to the Third World. Share prices would drop but the experts believe this would be temporary as it was with Citicorp. But will they do it?

National Westminster and Barclays could afford to do it. Lloyds and Midland would find it difficult or impossible because their capital ratios would be worn too thin. If all the banks could not do it at more or less the same time, they might not act at all to avoid putting any of them at a disadvantage.

That argument assumes the reserves would be put into the special provisions category. Here they would receive tax relief but would not count as primary capital. There is no reason, however, why they should not be put into general provisions where they would count as primary capital even though tax relief is not available. That way, Lloyds and Midland would not suffer from a damaging deterioration in their capital.

There is also a question of timing. Barclays is in a slightly awkward position because it promised US investors in the recent prospectus that the debt problem would not materially affect the bank's position in the foreseeable future. It might prefer to wait until the year-end before reversing that promise.

The banks are mulling over the options and there is a reasonable chance they will make a move by the year-end.

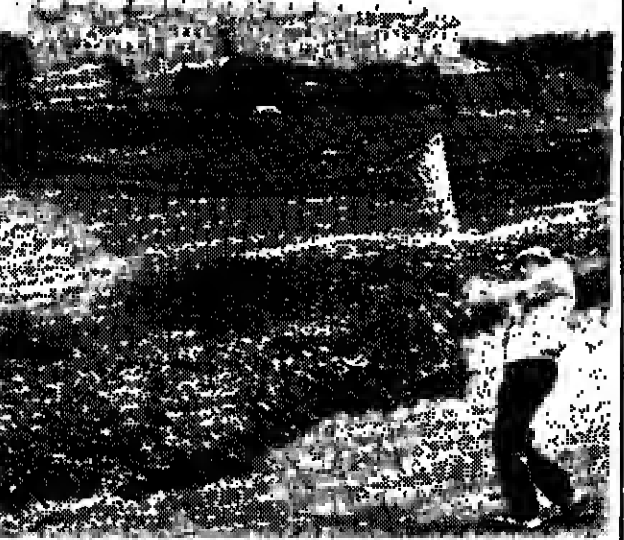
## Japanese buy Turnberry

A Japanese company has bought the Turnberry Hotel and golf course from Orient Express Inc of New York for £13 million (£13 million).

The Nitto Kogyo group is to retain the British staff and management of the Ayrshire, Scotland, hotel and 80-year-old golf club but will install a Japanese representative.

It has launched Nitto World Company in London, with £8 million, as the base for development of the company's travel business in Europe.

The group plans to run golf tours to Turnberry, Glencolm and St Andrews and to use the Turnberry brand name for golf wear, accessories and Scotch whisky. It already owns 21 golf courses in Japan and others in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hawaii.



Sold for £13 million: the Turnberry Hotel and golf course

## ICO move lifts price of cocoa

Officials from the producer and consumer nations open talks today on forming a second line of defence for cocoa prices, as the market shows signs of responding to buffer-stock buying by the International Cocoa Organization.

An ICO working group will try to establish rules for operating a scheme for cocoa producers to withhold exports from the market if the buffer stock exhausts its potential to take up oversupply.

In New York, cocoa futures rose \$2.50 to \$22 yesterday morning, after gains in London.

Mr Jürgen Plambeck, the buffer stock manager, yesterday took up another 5,000 tonnes, bringing total purchases since May 19 to 42,000 tonnes. The buffer stock is the main mechanism for limiting supplies and keeping average world market prices above a minimum of 1,600 Special Drawing Rights a tonne.

But this intervention appeared to have failed to bite until yesterday and Mr Plambeck has run into criticism for his operations.

## Capital issue by HMC

Household Mortgage Corporation made its first capital market issue yesterday, launching through a single-purpose subsidiary a £150 million mortgage-backed Floating Rate Note issue. The notes, secured on a UK residential portfolio, are expected to have an average life of about seven years and carry a nominal 30-year maturity. Initial interest paid will be 0.25 per cent over 3-month Libor. The notes are expected to be rated AAA.

## Pension cut lifts Electronic profits

Electronic Rentals, the Visionhire TV and video rental group, where Philips has a 22 per cent shareholding, raised profits by £2 million last year to £18.5 million. But the results benefited from a £3.1 million reduction in pension contributions after an actuarial revaluation.

Operating profits in the UK consumer electronics division slipped from £21.1 million to £17.54 million, mostly due to continuing poor performance from the Connect TV retailing group, acquired two years ago. Borrowings declined from £102 million to £84 million. The group is placing

increasing emphasis on retailing through the 450 Visionhire outlets and this is counterbalancing the decline in rental subscribers.

Shareholders are to receive a final dividend of 2.0655p per share, making an unchanged total of 3.2322p per share.

## Bachelor boy finds a suitor

Peter Earl, aged 32, the managing director of corporate finance minnow Ifincorp, could find his five-year service contract is about to sign with generous suitor Tranwood a bit of a burden. Smooth-talking Earl, voted *Cosmopolitan's* Young Bachelor of the Year whilst still up at Oxford, has seldom stuck at any job for more than a couple of years. After finishing his education, he went through five jobs in as many years — including a two-week stint with banker Warburgs. Since forming Ifincorp Earl with Arab backed two years ago, he has led two well-publicised but unsuccessful takeover bids, for Eitel and London and Northern. The company made profits last year of £109,000, has assets of £162,000 and an executive staff of just six. And yet now, Tranwood has made an offer for Ifincorp — albeit in paper which must be held for five years — of £6 million. "The offer was only worth £4.6 million when it was made and it was based on a prospective p/e of 15.6," explains Earl. Scope for a few queries, nevertheless, at Tranwood's EGM on the 29th of this month.

### Five stars

A beary party of 80 or so City fund managers, analysts and scribes, arrived home at the weekend from a whirlwind and fairly alcoholic tour aboard Concorde of Allied Lyons' Hiram Walker

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### Lovers of leather

Sexual deviants from all over the United States will be clamouring to get hold of copies of next month's edition of the American glossy magazine *Architectural Digest*. Rolls-Royce — the luxury car manufacturer, that is — has placed ads in it with scratch 'n' sniff strips impregnated with

susidiary. Star of the week-long trip, which took in Canada, America and France, was 1 hour, Victor MacColl, the Scottish drinks guru at Kleinwort Greaveson. Among the numerous amusing tales still being told is one about the chairman's dinner at the Courvoisier headquarters in France on the last night. MacColl failed to make the

the aroma of leather. The choice of the scent, designed to promote the cars' leather seats, was it seems, a long and painful process. "Trying to pick which of the several scented samples came closest was rather like a wine-tasting," quipped one red-nosed Rolls executive.

first half of the dinner and was discovered asleep in his room, undoubtedly jet-lagged. When it came to the speeches, Harry Henderson, a partner at Cazenove, began his address with the immortal line: "Mr Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, and Victor..."

## Food for thought

Adverts for jobs with Hazlewood Foods should read: "Join us, and become a millionaire." The fortunes of the once-sleepy Derby-based sauces and pickles group have been transformed during the past couple of years by a string of acquisitions — it took over no fewer than 20 companies in 1986 and another five so far this year. What its figures yesterday did not reveal is that at least 30 of its 4,800 employees are millionaires — most of whom have sold their own businesses to Hazlewood down the years and most of whom took not cash but shares, which have since risen sharply in value. With a market capitalization now of £374.5 million, and the millionaires owning 30 per cent of the equity, that means that £100 million is in "private hands" — a comfortable feeling should any corporate raider cast a covetous eye. Hillsdown Holdings, be warned.

### Present worth

For a man who must have more wealthy friends than most, President Reagan receives markedly few presents. In 1986, according to his latest financial disclosure report, he accepted just nine gifts, worth \$12,896 (£7,600), ranging from a footstool from Vice-President George Bush to an air compressor and a set of horse-stall name plates from his secret-service agents.

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● **ABELSCOT GROUP:** The group plans to buy DRG's Royal Sovereign graphics business for \$4 million. This business forms part of DRG's Royal Sovereign division, manufacturing studio and general artists' markers.

● **PLM:** The Petainer plastic development project, which PLM has been engaged in with Metal Box since 1982, is to be

completely acquired by PLM.

completely acquired by PLM. This means that PLM will possess the licensing and patent rights. It will also purchase Metal Box's share of the pilot plant owned by Petainer Development in Allanta, Georgia, which is to manufacture plastic beverage containers.

● **DELMAR GROUP:** Dividend 2.15p (2p) for the year t

March 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 5,513 (5,130). Pretax profit 585 (566). Earnings per share 5.21p (4.81p).

● **ASPINALL HOLDINGS:** Six months to March 31. With figures in £000: Gaming: drop 72,271 (63,111). Turnover 14,530 (10,865). Pretax profit 4,415 (5,736). Earnings per share 4.5p (6.4p).

**By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor**

Britain's £3 billion-a-year-turnover plastics industry has boosted sales at home and abroad and, with profitability improving, more is being spent on expanding factory capacity.

This optimistic picture, expected to be maintained at least for the rest of the year, emerges in the latest survey by the British Plastics Federation, covering the 12 months ended last month.

The survey covered the three main plastics sectors of materials supply, processing and machinery manufacture. All reported increased sales in Britain, with about three quarters of the processors and machinery makers reporting increases.

A key trend discernible in the latest survey is a switch in capital spending patterns, the main aim now mostly being to expand capacity rather than

This was a much bigger proportion than in last year's survey, especially among the machinery makers, of which only 12 per cent last time were reporting rises of that size.

The machinery makers also saw the best improvement in exports. About 58 per cent of the companies surveyed — twice the proportion of last year — reported sales abroad up 10 per cent or more, and more than 80 per cent of them reported by the 61 per cent of processors which increased expenditure.

But there is less spending among machinery makers — 30 per cent reported increased expenditure compared with 42 per cent in the last survey.

more than 50 per cent of them are predicting further improvements in the next 12 months of more than 5 per cent.

In processing, 39 per cent of companies reported exports up by more than 5 per cent.

per cent in the last survey - and the main drive there is to replace existing and ageing assets.

More of the plastics companies have been increasing prices. Among materials suppliers, for example, 82 per cent

while another 44 per cent found sales levels had remained static. Among materials suppliers, 45 per cent increased export sales by more than 5 per cent, which was more than a doubling in the number of companies seeing

But a quarter saw a decline in exports of up to 5 per cent whereas in last year's survey nobody reported any decline.

## TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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## LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

CASH ON HAND					
	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Straddle					204
Jun 97	81.31	81.31	81.18	81.30	1157
Sep 97	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Dec 97	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Mar 98	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Jun 98	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Sep 98	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Dec 98	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Mar 99	81.31	81.31	81.26	81.30	1157
Three Month Eurodollar					2562
Jun 97	92.71	92.77	92.70	92.77	1286
Sep 97	92.18	92.19	92.07	92.15	3893
Dec 97	92.63	92.71	92.61	92.68	459
Mar 98	91.61	91.61	91.50	91.58	91
Jun 98	NT	NT	NT	91.30	0
Sep 98	NT	NT	NT	91.24	0
Dec 98	NT	NT	NT	91.10	0
Mar 99	NT	NT	NT	90.97	0
Previous day's total open interest					2562

MSR No			Previous day's total open interest 33895			
US Treasury Bond						
Jun 87	91-08	91-06	91-06	90-27	90-31	30
Sep 87	90-12	90-13	90-13	89-16	89-29	3582
Dec 87	NT				88-31	3794
			Previous day's total open interest 37584			
Short GR						
Jun 87	NT					
Sep 87	NT					
Dec 87	NT					
			Previous day's total open interest 0			
Long GR						
Jun 87	126-07	126-09	126-09	126-07	126-09	2
Sep 87	126-03	126-13	126-13	126-31	126-07	2
Dec 87	NT				126-31	2
			Previous day's total open interest 25788			
FT-SE 100						
Jun 87	223-90	223-90	223-90	223-80	224-50	650
Sep 87	223-00	223-00	223-00	222-80	223-10	18
Dec 87					223-10	7613
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## MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Euro Money Deposits %	
Dollar	call 7-6
7 days 8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> +	1 month 7 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> -8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
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Source: Euromoney

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	Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
	\$ 108.00-109.00 (ex vat)
	Platinum
	\$ 584.00 (ex vat)
	Gold
	\$ 7,850.00-7,910.00 (ex vat)
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## FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Market rates day's range	Market rates close	1 month	3 months
N York 1.8260-1.8410	1.8288-1.8395	0.29-0.293pm	0.64-0.639pm
London 1.8260-1.8410	1.8288-1.8395	0.29-0.293pm	0.64-0.639pm
Ams 405.3180-9.3339	3.2296-3.3369	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Brussels 90.45-127	60.85-61.24	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Gahpen 11.0540-11.1281	11.05-11.1158	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Duplat 1.0071-1.074	1.0515-1.066	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Frankfurt 2.8444-2.9616	2.9578-2.9618	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Liabon 2.9578-2.9616	2.9578-2.9618	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Madrid 1.4-20.643	1.4-20.643	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Mexico 2132.21-2143.24	2138.85-2143.24	1-40s	6-110s
Osaka 10.9386-10.9814	10.9386-10.9814	4-4s-%s	14-18-%s
Paris 1.8260-1.8410	1.8288-1.8395	0.29-0.293pm	0.64-0.639pm
Sydney 10.2222-10.3288	10.2222-10.3288	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Tokyo 23.849-23.843	23.849-23.843	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Viem 23.849-23.843	23.849-23.843	1%-%pm	3%-%pm
Zurich 2.4438-2.4825	2.4578-2.4825	1%-%pm	3%-%pm

Sterling Index compared with 1975 was up at 72.7 (the year's range 72.5-72.7).

TERMINING RATES      DOLLAR SPOT RATES

OTHER STANDING RATES		DOLLAR SPOT RATES	
Argentina austral	2.6792-2.6872	Ireland	1.4898-1.4985
Australia dollar	2.2941-2.2972	Italy	2.1115-2.1142
Bahian dollar	5.0000-5.0040	Japan	1.0000-1.0000
Brazil escudo	56.5534-56.8817	Malaysia	0.7146-0.7223
Cyprus pound	0.7921-0.7981	Malta	1.9438-1.9485
Philippine peso	7.1932-7.1972	Canada	0.6007-0.6025
Greek drachma	22.2222-22.2222	Sweden	0.8775-0.8875
Hong Kong dollar	12.0000-12.0175	Denmark	0.7950-0.8000
Indonesian rupiah	20.35-21.05	West Germany	1.0000-1.0000
Kuwait dinar	4.0000-4.0025	France	1.4891-1.4930
Malaysia dollar	0.0970-0.0936	Netherlands	2.0262-2.0270
Mexico peso	2.0010-2.0120	Portugal	0.8680-0.8780
New Zealand dollar	3.4000-3.4025	Spain	1.12-1.1285
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4465-5.1505	Italy (contin.)	2.0000-1.9994
Singapore dollar	1.3493-1.3488	Belgium	0.7000-0.7000
S. Africa rand	4.0000-4.0000	Belgium(Cont'd)	0.7000-0.7000
S. Africa rand (cont)	3.2922-3.2930	France	1.4891-1.4930
U A E dirham	6.0155-6.0209	Portugal	1.00-1.00
		Spain	166.64-167.85
		Switzerland	1.226-1.226

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More and more for your money

**THE WEEK**  
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## COMPUTER HORIZONS/1

## More and more for your money

As computer prices continue to fall and facilities increase, the indications are that in the market for personal computers and software British consumers can continue to look forward to getting more for their money.

But as is frequently the case, such benefits can arrive considerably later on this side of the Atlantic.

One example of this came last week from the British firm Amstrad which announced a new personal computer that will initially only be available in the US.

Coming in the same range of options as the highly successful PC1512 series, the new machine has an increased memory — up to 640k from 512k — better graphics and an improved display to show them off.

British customers will probably have to wait until next year for it. Even more galling is that the company, fearing buyers might get off purchasing the current model, has hinted that the differential in prices between the two ranges will be much higher in the UK than America where prices for the new machines range from \$800 to \$2,000.

But to help ease the blow in Britain the company has launched an £800 package that includes a PC1512 computer, a printer, word processing and financial spreadsheet

## THE WEEK

By Matthew May

software. And, just to prove there is always something better just around the corner, pundits are predicting a complete desktop publishing system for £3,000 from Amstrad by next year.

In software the situation is brighter. While the UK will still have to wait for some new programs such as a \$99 desktop publishing program — PFS: First Publisher — launched, like the new Amstrad machines, at the Comdex computer fair in Atlanta last week (see right), a wide-ranging accountancy program for PCs (Account Ability) is obtainable in Britain for £99.

Produced by software firm Migent, the company suggests it is the equal of other far more expensive fully integrated accounting systems.

It is likely to do well judging by its earlier integrated software product Ability which also costs £99 and includes a word processor, database and spreadsheet. Such products, though cut down versions of their predecessors, are a fraction of the price.

Fortunately for those established firms in the business still trying to sell similar programs at £400 or £500, sections of the business market have resisted the cheaper versions.

Such intransigence does not deter the new firms and their optimism has the support of William Zachmann, who looks after crystal ball gazing for the respected US research firm International Data Corporation.

In a booklet called *Thirteen Predictions for the World's Computer Industry*, he forecasts the big names in producing personal computer software are in for an increasingly rough time as cheaper clones of their products steadily become more popular while the large firms try to maintain market share by moving into areas previously occupied by each other.

## Makers run into spate of 'late' complaints

The computer industry is likely to become second only to holiday firms in the level of complaints received by the Advertising Standards Authority about misleading claims made for its products. Almost 10 per cent of all complaints upheld by the ASA come from the computer industry, the majority being about products being advertised as available well before they reach the shops.

In the latest ASA case report, computer hardware companies Acorn and Amstrad had two complaints about their advertising upheld against them.

Sir Clive Sinclair is the latest to run into trouble over his still to be delivered £230 portable ZX88 computer originally promised for April — with customers' orders solicited since March.

## £140m Computerland deal

Capping a year of speculation and rumors, Computerland, the world's largest personal computer retailer, has said that an investment group led by E.M. Warburg, Pincus & Co., is to acquire the company. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed, but sources estimated the price at around £140 million. The transaction effectively ends Computerland's connection with William Millard, who founded the chain in 1976 but has since lost almost all control.

His fall began with a March 1985 court decision awarding a 20 per cent stake in Computerland and £85 million in damages to a group of outside investors called Micro-Vest because Millard had failed to repay a nine-year-old debt that was convertible into stock.

Computerland reported annual retail sales of £500 million in 1986 for its 800

franchised and company-owned stores, but the privately held company does not release profit results. Computerland primarily derives its revenues from an average 5.6 per cent royalty charged on franchisees' sales.

## Chinese phone link

France and China have reached an accord for the development of a telephone-linked computer system using Chinese characters. Under an agreement reached

## BRIEFING

during a visit to China by the French Post and Telecommunications minister Gerard Longuet, France's state-run phone company will adapt its own extensive videotex system known as Minitel to the Chinese language.

One hundred experimental terminals equipped with expanded memories capable of storing thousands of characters are due to be installed in China next year. Given away free by the state phone company, the terminals were first developed as a computerized phone directory but now offer train timetables, news, games, match-making services and a wide range of other information.

## Japanese agreement

Fujitsu, the Japanese computer giant that has been locked in a bitter dispute with IBM over software copyrights, disclosed in a recently filed prospectus that the two companies had resolved some of their disagreements. The dispute arose nearly two years ago, when IBM accused Fujitsu of violating a 1983 agreement



Road ahead: the VMIS system displays maps, plans and photographs in colour

concerning IBM-developed operating systems, the key programs used to run computer systems. In the prospectus for a warrant bond in London, Fujitsu said that "the parties have resolved some of the issues", and have established procedures to resolve presently outstanding disputes with the involvement of members of the panel of arbitrators. Last year, the Japanese press carried reports that Fujitsu, which makes IBM-compatible mainframes, was paying millions of dollars every year in penalties for copying IBM software.

## Super-chip lead

The world's first large-scale integration (LSI) that operates on four digits, instead of the on-and-off binary system, has been developed in Japan as a

breakthrough in super-chip development. Matsushita Electric says that the new LSI can operate 30 per cent faster than standard chips while both its electricity consumption and space required for chip elements are halved. The company hopes to begin commercial production of the new chip in two or three years, initially for computer-aided designing and other easily applicable areas. It also envisages a wider application in micro-electronics and artificial intelligence. Instead of the binary system, the new chip prototype operates on four digits differentiated by levels of electric current supplied by a single transistor.

## Nixdorf staff rise

Germany's Nixdorf Computer is stepping up its activities in the United States

## A pinpoint view on video map

British Telecom has announced an interactive videodisc system aimed at planning and operations management for local authorities, public utilities and emergency services as well as businesses. Called the Video Map and Imaging System, or VMIS for short, it will display maps, plans, and photographs on a colour TV screen, and superimpose additional graphics to show the location of plant, equipment or resources, including for example records of planning applications, and the routes of cables and pipes. The images are stored as still pictures on videodiscs, and are cross-linked to graphics and other relevant information held in a database on a microcomputer. The discs can store up to 55,000 images per side with an average retrieval time for any one image quoted as 40 thousandths of a second. Images can include Ordnance Survey maps having scales ranging from 1:625,000 to 1:1,250, allowing users to zoom in on areas of interest from a view of a whole conurbation such as London, down to an area just 100 metres square. A basic system will cost around £30,000.

especially for systems in the retail trade and banking. Vice-chairman Arno Bohn said the minicomputer company is aiming to increase its staff in America from the present day level of 1,300 to 5,000 and to reach an annual turnover of DM 1 billion. This follows the success of a \$50 million order for a point of sale system placed by Montgomery Ward, one of the largest retail chains in the United States. Speaking in Chicago at a demonstration of the store group's first branch installation, he said Nixdorf is directing its market activities towards offering complete hardware and software solutions. The MW contract calls for 500 small computers and 15,000 point of sale terminals in service in all 250 stores by the beginning of 1990, replacing the present NCR and IBM systems.

## Revival time in Atlanta

There's nothing like a macro exhibition to revive the confidence of the microcomputer industry. Last week a record number of visitors attended the spring Comdex exhibition at the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, to see what life existed after the introduction of the new IBM PCs, the PS/2 line. Most of them appeared quite chirpy.

Prototypes were shown for the first time on IBM's giant island that included an "information theatre" larger than many a mini-cinema. The rest of the show was notable for its determination to demonstrate that every product had originality.

Compatibility was the keyword. As one observer put it: "Believe it or not, there was not a clone on the floor."

The prevailing note was one of optimism. Sheldon Adelson, president of the organizing Interface Group, said: "It's back to the halcyon days

## COMDEX

By Alan Jenkins

of 1983. It's like the slump never happened." At the same time there was a rather sober atmosphere.

The scene was set for some by a conference hotel prayer breakfast "to give business people an opportunity to re-evaluate their lives".

The exhibition was awash with displays of desktop publishing. Its popularity is expected to push computer publishing revenue from just under \$900 million in 1985 to an estimated \$5.6 billion in 1991, according to one guru.

Appropriately taking centre stage in the main hall was Atlanta's own Hayes Microcomputer Products, leader in the modern field, pursuing its quest for faster and cheaper communications and claiming that its new V-series technology makes all other modems obsolete, doubling speeds and providing updating for existing models.



## They can't face it at the office. Can you?

Ask any of the girls in your office what troubles them most about modern monitors or VDUs and they'll soon tell you... the screen is too small showing only two-fifths of a whole page, accompanied with poor resolution and screen flicker, it's tiring and irritating on the eyes.

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Anyone complacent enough to believe that they can make it to the top in computing by exclusive specialization faces a nasty shock. The emphasis today is on teamwork, a multi-disciplinary approach, and the need for a broad, eclectic view.

The problem, however, is that many computing staff see their status and security resting on specialist knowledge. "The difficulties begin in the universities when computer science students enter a closed academic world dealing almost entirely with machines," says George Penney of the National Computing Centre.

"It doesn't encourage them to think broadly or in terms of applications. Rather than widening horizons the universities narrow them."

The tendency towards narrow specialization is emphasized again when employers initially encourage recruits to immerse themselves in one particular application. And if they work for a user there is an

## Specialists need to widen their skills

even greater incentive to master only the system being used.

The crunch comes when the technology moves on or the individual wants to switch jobs. From being sung in their cosy specialism they have to

### JOBSCENE

By Edward Fennell

try to take on new skills. And often they don't like it.

"We're often appalled by the self-imposed limitations of people who come to job interviews with us," says Sally Smedley, director of resources and development at Data Logic, the software house.

"It makes it difficult for us to recruit and is one of the causes of the skill shortage."

Quite apart from job-mobility, however, the technical move away from stand-alone systems towards those which interconnect and communicate across networks means that the barriers between the specialists must come down.

The size of teams is growing larger and the range of disciplines required by any one product is increasing. The result is that communications and understanding of the overall project has become vital.

The transformation of the working group from a collection of individualists held together by able managers into an integrated, co-operative has implications for the initial selection.

As Ian Reed, a director of Data Logic, says: "Under the

previous regime projects which were intended to look like snooker balls often ended up more rugby-shaped because the powerful interests of individuals drove the project in that direction."

For George Penney of the NCC the answer lies in the universities. The intellectual cream of the industry — the people who have done computer science courses — need to be encouraged to take a broader, team-based view.

One remedy he advocates is to set up two-year post-graduate courses so that people who have reached a dead-end can be "re-tooled" with new knowledge and skills.

Even better, he says, is the creation of new-style undergraduate courses, such as the one at Salford, which build in teamwork on real-life projects with local industry.

With skill shortage still one of the most pressing problems adaptability is clearly the skill in shortest supply of all.

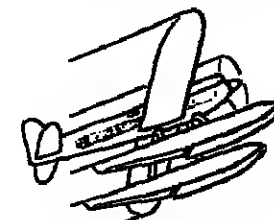
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As in previous weeks we are publishing more Logbook entries as clues to five questions we shall be posing — the first on this page today and the rest in The Times Information Service page on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and in The Week Ahead on Saturday.

What you do find the answer to each of the questions, which will be a number. By Saturday you will have five numbers. Add them together and you will have the week's numerical solution. On Sunday, between 8am and 8pm, phone 01-400 3291, which is The Times/DEC Schneider hotline. You will be asked for the following information when you make your call: (1) the numerical solution; (2) the tie-breaking sentence (see below); (3) your name and



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● **TODAY'S QUESTION:** The Bristol aircraft which started life as a private venture named *Britain First* later evolved into the Blenheim bomber. What was the maker's type number for the original aircraft?

● **THE TIE-BREAKER:** Answer this question in no more than 15 words: What record-breaking flight would today capture the world's imagination?

We shall announce this week's winner in next Tuesday's

Computer Horizons. Each winner will receive a holiday voucher for £1,000, which will enable them to travel to their own choice of destination.

The five winners will also be the guests of DEC on the Isle of Wight for the weekend of the race, which is organized by the Royal Aero Club.

● The winner of our fourth competition is Jane Wilson, of Cookham, Berkshire. Solutions to last week's questions: Tuesday 1930, Wednesday 42, Thursday 3, Friday 1937, Saturday 504. Numerical solution was 4416.



THE WINNER of our third competition, Alison Moreira, above, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, combines an interest in aviation with her job — for more than 20 years she has worked as a flight planner with British Airways and its predecessor, BOAC, at Heathrow. She has held a private pilot's licence for 10 years. Miss Moreira's tie-breaking sentence was: In both cases, intense competition between manufacturers has accelerated technological advances leading to better communications.

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## AN AVIATOR'S DIARY

### TUESDAY

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### WEDNESDAY

There is still no news of the American woman pilot, Amelia Earhart. She was on

the Pacific section of her round-the-world record attempt.

### THURSDAY

Archie and I visited the Supermarine works at Eastleigh yesterday. The Spitfire disports itself superbly. The smooth lines are evidently drawn from our Schneider winner of a few years ago.

### FRIDAY

Wiley Post, the one-eyed American, is due to arrive tomorrow for a refuelling stop during his round-the-world record-breaking attempt from New York.

### SATURDAY

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Joan Llewelyn Owens examines a little-known aspect of health care

Angels  
working  
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Patients who come through difficult surgery feel very grateful to the doctors and nurses. They rarely realize, however, how much they owe to the medical laboratory scientists (MLSOs) working behind the scenes.

These officers are also valuable members of the health-care team. Their investigations help doctors to make a diagnosis and decide on methods of treatment. Another of their tasks is to monitor a patient's condition during and after treatment, by analyzing samples of blood and other biological materials.

MLSOs usually specialize in one of the medical laboratory sciences—clinical chemistry, haematology (the study of the morphology and pathophysiology of blood), blood transfusions, cellular pathology (the study of disease-related changes in the cells and tissues of the body), medical microbiology and immunology.

Sometimes one needs the services of only one specialist, but occasionally a patient's condition is such that several different investigations are necessary. To find out more, I went to various medical laboratories in the London Hospital.

Bob Fewell, the principal laboratory scientific officer and president of the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences, with his colleagues helped me to work out a scenario in which nearly all departments are involved.

We chose the case of a woman who was to have an exploratory operation for suspected breast cancer.

Everyone who undergoes surgery has basic blood tests carried out by haematology, to check the haemoglobin (the colouring matter of the red corpuscles) and red and white cell counts. Blood is also sent to clinical chemistry



Results were with the surgeon within eight minutes and a diagnosis made

for chemical analysis, especially potassium and urea.

This particular woman, let us call her Mrs Doe, was anaemic, so the decision was made to give her a blood transfusion before she went into the theatre. Accordingly, the MLSOs in the blood transfusion unit grouped her blood and screened for antibodies, in case her blood was incompatible with certain other groups.

Then the cross-matching was done, using the patient's serum and the donor's blood.

At this pre-operative stage, clinical chemistry was also dealing with blood samples. In this instance, the department was looking for tumour markers.

Mrs Doe was duly anaesthetized and surgery began. A small piece of tissue was excised and sent to cellular pathology, where a slide section was prepared in a cryostat microtome which freezes and

cuts very thin slices of tissue, ready for microscopic examination.

This slide was examined by a member of the medical staff, and results were with the surgeon within eight minutes. Mrs Doe was judged to have fairly extensive cancer. Major surgery was undertaken, and the excised tissue sent to the cellular pathology laboratory for histological examination to assess the extent of the disease.

The day after the operation, a further blood sample was sent to haematology, for checks on haemoglobin, packed cell volume and white cell count. Another sample went to clinical chemistry, to monitor kidney function and chemical balance.

To prevent the spread of secondary cancer, chemotherapy was indicated. Some of the drugs used may reduce the level of white blood cells and of the platelets, which prevent us from bleeding, so haematology monitored Mrs Doe's treatment, which was adjusted by the medical staff in accordance with results.

If the blood were screened manually, it would take at least 30 minutes, but now MLSOs use blood-count analyzers, capable of producing a graphical display, and a print-out within 40 seconds.

The laboratory checks the results and sends them out to the hospital computer. They are available in the ward for their medical colleagues about two minutes after they have gone through the analyzer.

The white cells are the natural guardians of the body, and when Mrs Doe's became depressed, she developed a chest infection. So her sputum was sent to microbiology for analysis, and a sample placed on a plate containing a bacteriological culture medium.

This was then put into an incubator for 24 hours, at body temperature, to mimic conditions in a patient's body.

The object was to culture the bacteria and assess what they might be. It is not enough just to look at the plate; various biochemical and other tests must be carried out to confirm an organism's identity. Once this is established, investigations can be started to find out the antibiotics to which it is most likely to respond.

I am glad to say that after all her ordeals, Mrs Doe made a complete recovery and now leads a normal life.

There are medical laboratories in

hospitals, the blood transfusion services and the Public Health Laboratory Service.

Medical laboratory scientists also find jobs in manufacturing industry (particularly pharmaceuticals), government departments, the veterinary service, universities, forensic laboratories and the forces, as well as in private health organizations.

Over the years, the work of medical laboratory scientists has become increasingly skilled and the scope of knowledge in every field has increased. MLSOs have to manage multiple investigations and the processing of a mass of data. Much of the manual work has been taken over by sophisticated machines, and ability to use a computer is essential.

To do a job in a modern medical laboratory, one needs a broadly based biological science education, and a mind trained to solve problems. Several hospitals, of which the London is one, employ only graduates.

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Tel: Ext. 583

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND)  
SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE

Applications are invited for the post of Chief Inspector to head the Social Services Inspectorate in the Department of Health and Social Services (Northern Ireland). The post becomes vacant later this year on the retirement of the present Chief Inspector.

The main function of the Inspectorate is to advise Northern Ireland Departments in the field of social policy and planning and on the provision of social services. The inspection and evaluation of facilities and services is a very important part of the task. Within this broad remit the Inspectorate provides advice and support to the Social Services Departments of the four Health and Social Services Boards and to voluntary organisations. In order to promote good practice and standards.

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The post offers secure pensionable employment with a generous leave allowance.

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The post is open to both men and women.

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Please write or telephone for an application form (using the extension number indicated and quoting the job reference) to the Civil Service Commission, Rosepark House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3NR (telephone Dundonald 4567). Completed forms must be returned to arrive not later than the closing date stated.

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David Lunn

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COUNTY COUNCIL

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Application form and information package from John Itell, Director of Personnel, East Surrey Health Authority, Earlswood Mount, Mountview Drive, Redhill, Surrey RH1 6JT. Tel: (0737) 768677 Ext. 282.

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Jan Holt  
Chief Executive  
National Association of Youth Clubs  
Kenwick House, 30 Peacock Lane, Leicester LE1 5NY

Completed application forms should be returned to the Chief Executive by Friday 19th June 1987

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Application form and job description are available from The Personnel Officer, District Offices, College Heath Road, Mildenhall, Suffolk. IP28 7EY. (0638) 716000 Ext. 261.

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# Wales march on after the big Ballymore bore

From David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, Brisbane

Wales will carry the banner of the home countries into the semi-finals of Rugby Union's inaugural World Cup in Australia this weekend. Their 16-3 win over England in Brisbane yesterday gives them the dubious privilege of a game next Sunday against New Zealand; Australia play France in Sydney on Saturday in the first semi-final.

Defeat for England in one of the poorest international scenes in this, or any other, context in recent years means a return to Britain for the squad today, hard on the heels of Scotland and Ireland who went out in the quarter-finals over the weekend. There had been substantial expectation, both inside the English camp and outside, that this was the occasion when the run of defeats against Wales outside Twickenham — which goes back to 1963 when the managers of both countries, Clive Rowlands, of Wales, and Michael Weston, of England, were playing — would be halted but that expectation crumbled in the face of a tenacious Welsh display.

"I have no idea why England performed so poorly," said Mike Harrison, the captain. "We were very buoyant and confident beforehand and yet we didn't produce it on the field. All the Welsh points were given them, they didn't create, they seized on our mistakes and that was the most disappointing feature."

Martin Green, the coach, said: "We made far too many unforced errors and took too many wrong options which allowed the Welsh without playing a great deal of football."

to score tries. This is not the way to get through in the World Cup.

"What we were setting out to do was to establish a good forward platform, drive with our back row and then move the ball. Clearly we were unable to do that. The Welsh pack performed extremely well, their scrummaging surprised us. But we have made considerable progress in the tournament. This squad of players are as strong a side as England have had for a while. I feel they are capable of winning a five nations championship at home."

Tony Gray, Wales' coach, added his praise to the scrummaging of the Welsh forwards, particularly that of David Young, aged 19, the Swansea prop who was

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playing his first international. "I was pleased at the commitment to defence and the tackling of the whole side," Gray said. "And when a player of that age comes off the field after his first game and his team have won and people are praising the scrummaging, he must have done well."

Gray described the game as "typical" of England-Wales matches, ignoring some less than *sotto voce* comments from domestic pressmen about the rudeness of a game interrupted by 34 penalties — 25 to England — which contributed so little towards the overall quality of the tournament.

Rowlands spoke of the *calon*, the heart which the Welsh team contributed: "I

felt delighted for all those people and the supporters who have worked so hard for us. As for New Zealand, to play against them at any time you have to lift your level of performance. You never know what the limit of the *calon* is. I have great respect for the All Blacks but if we play well we can beat them."

Wales will be concerned about leg injuries sustained by two of their most experienced players: Robert Norster, the lock, was replaced late in yesterday's game by Huw Richards because of a hamstring injury and Jonathan Davies, the ever-versatile stand-off half, was hampered by a knee injury though he stayed the course.

England also lost a player through injury after Paul Kendall, the Wasps prop, received a finger in his left eye which scratched the retina and he was replaced by Gareth Chilcot.

Meanwhile, the negative qualities of the game are unlikely to impress either Australian crowds or the tournament organizers who, for the second day running, saw an Australian quarter-final produce a low gate. The official attendance at Coooroo Oval for Australia v Ireland on Sunday was 14,356, which looked on the high side at a ground which can hold just over 20,000, and at Ballymore yesterday, though no figure was given, there looked to be little more than 10,000 people present.

That attendance, it was claimed, was affected by the live telecast and poor weather.



The umpire hits back: Bird, again struck by a ball, makes an eloquent appeal to Edmonds (Photograph: Graham Morris)

## Stewart to act on tour deadline

By Alan Lee

England are seeking to take their strongest available squad to cricket's fourth World Cup in October, even if that means including players who do not wish to undertake the Test tours of Pakistan and New Zealand later in the winter.

Mickey Stewart, the team manager, yesterday began to check on the availability of likely players and, in the course of the next fortnight, he expects to speak personally to around 30 individuals.

These will include Graham Gooch, one of several awaiting the official line on whether players must declare their willingness to go on the entire five-month tour — or be discounted altogether. Gooch will be told that he can, to a degree, stipulate where he would like to go.

Stewart said: "We can take only 14 to the World Cup and the ideal would be simply to make a couple of additions to that party for the rest of the tour. But I don't rule out the possibility of substitutions if there are players who do not want to go on. My personal view is that we should pick the best available squad for each of the three winter competitions — the World Cup, the Pakistan tour and then the trip to New Zealand and Australia after Christmas."

Stewart is acting with some urgency following the withdrawal of Gower from all winter commitments. Botham is also unavailable, even for the five-week trip to the World Cup, and Stewart is anxious to establish if there are any other doubts.

England must name a provisional squad of 30 to the World Cup committee by the end of July.

One of England's opponents, Pakistan, took steps yesterday to dispel growing cynicism surrounding the prospects of two key bowlers playing any active part in their present tour. Until now, Saleem Jaffer has appeared only in the public statements of his captain, Imran Khan, while Abdul Qadir has been even more invisible back home in Lahore, where he has somehow evaded all attempts to lure him away from his wife's sick-bed.

By yesterday, however, the smiles were back on the faces of the tour management with the startling news that Qadir was expected here on Friday and Saleem could be playing again before the end of the month.

## DeFreitas shines before rain hampers progress

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

**OLD TRAFFORD: Pakistan, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 307 runs behind England.**

Only 85 minutes of play were possible on the fourth day of the ill-fated first Test match, sponsored by Cornhill Insurance. In that time Pakistan added 47 runs to their first innings for the loss of Salim Malik and Mansoor Akhtar. No one spoke out of turn that I heard of and there was a good sense of purpose to the cricket until the weather interrupted it. The match ends today.

Of the 360 overs that should so far have been bowled, based on the minimum requirement of 90 a day, only 207 have been. In yesterday's 26 overs England made sufficient progress to suggest that but for the rain they might well have gone on to bowl Pakistan out for something less than the 248 they need to avoid following on.

After the start had been delayed for half an hour Pakistan lost Salim Malik to a brilliant piece of fielding by DeFreitas. Salim Malik turned Foster behind the wicket on the leg side and set off for the longest of singles. By the time he realized Mansoor Akhtar was not coming and turned back, DeFreitas had swooped on the ball, several yards to his right. DeFreitas's return to French, made on the turn, was a marvellously athletic piece of work.

From his apparent surprise when given out, Salim Malik may have thought he had made his ground. The television replay showed otherwise. In Foster's next over DeFreitas was at it again, pouncing on an on-side shot from Imran this time and throwing down the bowler's wicket with Imran going all out for the line.

To judge again from the television, Imran, too, could well have been given out; but it was one of those desperately close things when the batsman is entitled to the benefit of the doubt.

### OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN won toss		ENGLAND: First Innings 447 (R T Robinson 166, B N French 59).	
PAKISTAN FIRST INNINGS			
RAMIZ RAJA c Embury b DeFreitas	15	6s	4s
SHOAB MOHAMMAD c French b Foster	0	1	40
MANOOR AKHTAR c Foster b Edmonds	75	1	16
WASIM AKRAM c French b Botham	21	12	159
SALEEM JAFFER c French b Botham	2	2	80
SALIM MALIK not out	6	1	26
IMRAN KHAN not out	10	1	71
MUHAMMAD NAZAR not out	13	1	4
Extras (b 5, lb 2, w 1, nb 1)	13		
Total (5 wickets, 54 overs)	140		

(Saleem Yousuf, Wasim Akram, Taseef Ahmed and Mohsin Kamal to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-21(1), 3-74(4). BOWLING: Foster 15-3-34-1; DeFreitas 12-4-36-1; Botham 14-7-29-1 (1 w); Embury 16-2-30-0, Edmonds 7-2-2-1.

Umpires: H O Bird and B J Meyer.

## Festive day for Yorkshire

By Marcus Williams

**HARROGATE: Derbyshire, with three first-innings wickets in hand, are 290 runs behind Yorkshire.**

Yorkshire made substantial progress yesterday in pursuit of their third Britannic Assurance Championship win of the season. They amassed 393 for seven declared thanks to fine centuries from Marty Moxon and David Bairstow and then captured seven wickets to leave Derbyshire needing 141 runs to avoid the follow-on.

This is the first match of Harrogate festival week and Yorkshire caught the spirit of the occasion from the outset. Moxon and Bairstow, resuming at 121 for three, set about the bowling: 141 runs came from the first 27 overs.

Bairstow had given Moxon a 31-run start, but looking and driving vigorously, he looked he might be first to his hundred. However, Moxon, more orthodox but also striking the ball handsomely, won that little contest. Bairstow took only another four overs to complete his seventh hundred for the county, the last three of which have been made against Derbyshire.

Derbyshire needed a run-out to break the 196-run stand, Rudd beating Bairstow with a direct hit on the stumps.

after he had batted for 172 minutes, hitting 12 fours and six sixes; just before lunch, Moxon pushed a gentle catch to mid-wicket. His 130 occupied 290 minutes.

When Derbyshire batted, they were quickly in trouble. Jarvis bowled Barnett in the first over with a swinging ball of full length; Wright chased a wideish one in his third over, and at 19, Roberts, driving at Hartley, was superbly caught by Metcalfe at cover point.

Morris, driving fluently on both sides of the wicket, hinted at a recovery, but after Jarvis had ripped through Maher's defence, Fletcher found a spot at the pavilion end to remove Morris and Finney to successive balls. Carrick's third ball found Anderson's outside edge.

**YORKSHIRE: First Innings**  
M O Moxon c Wright b Rudd 130  
A Metcalfe c Wright b Newman 5  
R J Bailey c Roberts b Jean Jacques 22  
K Slater c Maher b Jean Jacques 0  
D L Bairstow not out 104  
J O Love not out 50  
P Carrick c Rudd b Finney 28  
P J Hartley b Morris 24  
P W Jarvis not out 3  
Extras (b 5, lb 7, w 3, nb 12) 27  
Total (7 wickets, 54 overs) 383

Score at 100 overs: 253-6  
S O Fletcher and P J Barry did not bat.  
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-66, 3-86, 4-252, 5-282, 6-325, 7-376.

**BOWLING:** Newman 17-3-29-1; Warner 21-5-56-0; Rudd 19-4-89-1; Barnett 3-1-5-0; Jean Jacques 22-4-88-2; Roberts 7-1-19-0; Finney 16-2-34-1; Morris 2-3-0-13-1.

**DERBYSHIRE: First Innings**  
K J Barnett b Jarvis 2  
B Wright c Bairstow b Jarvis 6  
B Roberts c Metcalfe b Hartley 41  
J E Morris c Moxon b Fletcher 10  
T B J M Maher b Jarvis 10  
R J Anderson c Moxon b Carrick 0  
P G Newman not out 24  
C P A P Rudd not out 8  
Extras (b 5, lb 3, nb 0) 8  
Total (7 wickets, 54 overs) 106

A Warner, M Jean Jacques to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-15, 3-94, 4-61, 5-73, 6-72, 7-82.  
Bonus points: Yorkshire 7, Derbyshire 2.  
Umpires: R A White and M J Kitchen.

**Baird shock**  
Ian Baird, Leeds United's top scorer last season, has turned down a new two-year contract.

END COLUMN

## Women sold short by Cash

By John Goodbody

With his long hair and Australian good looks, Pat Cash may be a figure of arresting delight for many females, but his reported views on women's tennis will also make him the most despised player at Wimbledon this year.

Cash was quoted yesterday as saying: "Women's tennis — it is junk. They are robbing men's tennis. When they put them together, like they do for Wimbledon, the public come to see the men play, but the women get virtually the same money."

"Men go out and play four or five hard sets. It keeps the crowds on the edge of their seat for three or four hours. And then women go out and play two sets of rubbish, which is all over in half an hour."

"If I played a practice game with Becker when the women's final was on, we would have more people watching us knock up."

His interview with *Woman's Own* makes him the successor to Bobby Riggs, the 1939 Wimbledon champion and self-confessed "male chauvinist". In the 1970s, Riggs, then 55, beat Margaret Court, but lost to Billie Jean King in a match billed as "The Lobber versus the Libber".

Cash, an Australian Davis Cup player, co-ached "Martina Navratilova, Chris Evert, Steffi Graf and Hana Mandlikova deserve everything they get because they are worth it. But they are the only ones who are."

"You have got other girls who are earning £150,000 for not being very good and just sitting on their backsides. Women get the prize-money from the crowds that the men pull in and I just do not think that is right."

At Wimbledon this year the men's singles champion will get £155,000 out of total prize-money and expenses of £1,353,965. The women's singles champion will receive £139,500 out of a total of £1,018,895.

According to BBC viewing figures, men's tennis is more popular than women's. In 1986, 9.3 million people watched the men's singles final and only seven million the women's final.

Pam Shriver, ranked No. 6 in the world and the vice-president of the Women's International Tennis Association, commented: "It sounds like a chauvinistic Aussie to me. Pat has made some comments before that have not been very positive and you dismiss it as someone who is a little narrow-minded and maybe a little dumb."

Referring to last weekend's French championships, she said: "I think if you took the Graf and Navratilova match and Sunday's men's final, most people would prefer the women's final by a long shot for entertainment value. I was so bored after one set of the Lendl-Wilander match."

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## Welsh FA ban team of vandals

A Welsh football team have been banned from playing abroad for 10 years after allegedly creating havoc in a Düsseldorf hotel. The ban, imposed by the Gwent County Football Association for bringing the game into disrepute, also applies to individual players. The Gwent League club must, in addition, pay a fine of £100.

The manager of the hotel said team members left off fire extinguishers and generally behaved in a drunken way during an Easter tour of West Germany. The manager has sent the club a £2,000 bill for damages and wants one of the players extradited to face charges.

The Gwent FA brought the disciplinary hearing into the allegations. The club has 10 days to appeal against the decision, but it could face further action from the Football Association of Wales.

## Southgate finally get their reward

By Sydney Friskin

**Southgate 4-2 on penalty strokes**

Southgate, despite all their dominance, were taken to penalty strokes before they got the better of Banbridge, the Irish champions, in the B division final of the European club championship at Swansea yesterday. No extra time was played.

It would not have mattered too much if Southgate had lost in the shoot-out because they had already made sure of their place in the A division of the championship next year. Banbridge, however, have paved the way for the new Irish champions, Cookstown, to play at the senior level next season.

Southgate had every chance of winning yesterday's match in normal time. They had 16

short corners and scored from only one. Many of these were well defended by the Irish and at least four shots were cleared off the line. With barely five seconds to go, Crozier deprived Kerly of a certain goal. But far too many shots by Southgate went astray.

The English champions took the field without Dods, Welch, Western and Boxall, all of whom were not available, and Kerly took up his place among the half-backs in order to help the defence. After the interval, however, he was in his usual place at centre forward.

Oddly enough, Banbridge scored from their only short corner which was awarded in the 23rd minute. Sinnamoo cleverly worked the ball to the unmarked Colin Allister who scored from close range.

Southgate's reply came six minutes later with Batchelor scoring from their seventh short corner and they held Banbridge under such pressure that the short corners poured in thick and fast.

Banbridge had two chances of scoring in the second half. Colin Allister failed to make contact with a centre from McGladdery in the fifth minute and six minutes later McKnight broke clear but his chance was ruined when his feet came in the way of the ball.

The rest of the game was a story of Southgate earning more short corners but failing to make the best of their opportunities. However, they displayed more accuracy in the penalty-stroke barrage.

**SOUTHGATE:** O'Gower, M Sperry, N Clark, G Scott, C Pechen, S Kerly, F Hudson, P Southern, J Shaw, S Buckley, D Morris, BANBRIDGE: R Carson, M Sinnamoo, L Wer (sub: J Bell), R Crozier, N Allister, J Macdonald, M McClelland, A McKeown, C Allister, M McDermott, J McElroy, J McKeown, A McKeown (Belgium), G Anderson (Scotland).

**OTHER RESULTS:** Third place: America (Fris, C) 3-0; Fourth place: America (Kerly, C) 3-0; Fifth place: America (Kerly, C) 3-0; Sixth place: America (Kerly, C) 3-0.

## World circuit preview for British squad

A pointer to four of Britain's probable six-man team for the world amateur road race championship at Villach, Austria, on September 5, came yesterday with the selection of a national squad to go to Austria for the five-day Tour of Corin, starting June 24 (Peter Bryan writes).

Denis Davie, the national champion, leads the team of Paul Curran, David Rayner and Nick Barnes. The same four have also been named to ride for Britain in the 113-mile Manx International at Douglas (Isle of Man) on June 19, but Barnes has asked to be released. He wants to ride with his club colleague, Bruce Drew, in the pro-am madison track event at Herne Hill, London, on June 21, which will feature Tony Doyle, the world professional pursuit champion, in action.

## Promoter hits back

The boxing promoter, Frank Warren, is to ask the British Boxing Board of Control to withhold part of the purse from Lloyd Christie, who defends the British lightweight title at the Albert Hall on June 17. Christie failed to turn up for a Press conference yesterday to publicize the fight.

## Lithgo retires

Stewart Lithgo, of Hartlepool, the first holder of the Commonwealth cruiserweight championship, has retired from boxing. Lithgo, aged 30, was a professional for eight years, much of the time as a heavyweight. He was one of the few British boxers to take on Frank Bruno, to whom he conceded 2st in January, 1983, and lost on a decision.

## Coach Brown

Tony Brown, the former West Bromwich Albion and England forward has joined Birmingham City as coach. Ian Stewart, the Northern Ireland international winger, has moved to Portsmouth from Newcastle on a free transfer.

## Coles's bid

Neil Coles will bid for his third successive victory in the £30,000 Trust House Forte PGA Seniors championship at Coventry Golf Club from June 18 to 21. Also in the field competing for a first prize of £50,000 will be the Australian, Peter Thomson, five times the winner of the Open Championship, and the South African, Denis Hutchinson.

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